Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Colleagues,

Term 3 has got off to a busy start with students and teachers participating in varied internal and external activities. The most recent event being the recent Annual School Concert, entitled Beauty and the Beast.

Recognizing the benefits to children who read regularly, in Term 2 and continuing this term we have implemented a Morning Reading Programme for all Primary students, whereby all students are required to bring and read a book while waiting for the morning assembly to commence. Through regular reading outside the classroom, students will be with a better mindset to absorb information while at school. Regular reading will also help boost student vocabulary and grammar. The benefits of this programme have already been observed by Sri Utama teachers in the classrooms, and programme will continue in future terms.

The school has run two additional English Programmes throughout the term to further student English competency. This includes the Intensive Reading Programme for Primary 4—6 Students which was held from the 5th May until the 8th September, and the Supplementary English class for Form 4-5 students, held regularly throughout the term.

I am proud to have witnessed a strong sense of community spirit in the school last term, through our students, teachers, and parents coming together to raise RM 7395 for various charities as part of the Ramadan Charity Drive. Students also sold coupons on behalf of the Cerebral Palsy Association, and with money raised through the sale of these coupons, purchased and donated nonperishable food items to those in need. The students and teachers of Sri Utama will continue to contribute to the local community when possible, as such community involvement is inherent in our School Mission and Values, and an important part of what makes Sri Utama Schools unique.

For the first time, 12 Sri Utama students sat for the IGCSE Malay paper in June. I am pleased to report that all students passed the examination, of which 8 students received A’s. Congratulations students!

On the 23rd August Sri Utama JB held its Annual Concert entitled Beauty and the Beast. Students gave outstanding performances demonstrated artistic flair in their various roles. Students and Teachers put a significant amount of time and hard work into rehearsals and play preparation, and success of the play is testament to this hard work. I would like to thank all Students, Teachers, and Parents who contributed.

With the year coming to an end, attention moves to the End of Year School Examinations, IGCSE, and SPM Examinations. I wish all students, parents, and teachers the very best for the rest of term!

Puan Kamisah Binti Zainal Abidin
School Principal
Sri Utama Schools—Johor Bahru
Sri Utama Schools JB has offered two different English as a Second Language Programmes this term, to further enhance student English Competency Levels in the areas of Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking.

**Programme 1: Intensive Reading Programme (IRP)**

Teachers: Ms. Jasvini, Ms. Mohana, Ms. Sumathi

The IRP is a 10 weeks programme which has a very structured approach. Each session begins with a pre-test, followed by various aspects of literacy teaching such as phonics rules, phonetic word test, sight words, paragraph reading, cooperative reading, story map organization, comprehending test, oral reading test and finally a post-programme test. Each element of the programme is given a specific timeframe, within each one hour session. The classes are held each Monday from 3pm to 4pm by two teachers Ms. Jasvini and Ms. Mohana.

The programme aims to improve students’ reading targeting the following literacy domains: text comprehension, phonics, sight vocabulary, independent reading and cooperative reading. It further aims to enhance the achievement of students who are experiencing reading difficulties, in learning to read. This programme looks at the progress of student’s reading ability after ten weeks of implementation.

Students aged between 9 and 11 years old were eligible to participate in the programme, which was held from the 5th May to 9th September 2014. At the 10th week of the programme students were assessed on their reading ability and comprehension skills. Student eligibility for the programme was based on recommendations by the respective English and Class Teachers, who took their English grades and participation in class into consideration.

The programme was a great success, resulting in a tremendous improvement in the participating students English Language Grades.
Programme 2: Supplementary English Class

Teacher: Mr. Nicholas Barno

During the second term this year, Supplementary English Classes were conducted by one of our English Language teachers, Mr Nicholas Barno. It was conducted once a week for any students whom the English Language teachers identified as having difficulties in the grammar component. The main focus of the class has been on parts of speech and grammar. The first class was mainly an introductory class for the purpose of learning names and discussing the expectations of the class. We then started with ‘parts of speech,’ the first of which being nouns. Being the simplest part of speech, the students were able to grasp the concept with ease. We then built on our knowledge of nouns and moved onto the varying categories of nouns such as common, proper, collective and abstract. Next we moved onto pronouns. We discussed the difference between subjective and objective pronouns and how to identify the proper use of them in sentences. Students seemed to receive this topic well and we were then able to move on to adjectives. The students also took to this topic with minor difficulty. With that, we move on to the next part of speech, which was verbs and conjugating them. This is the area which the students have the most trouble in. Hence, SECs focused on this area so as to improve their speaking and writing skills.

In Term 3 conjugation of regular and irregular verbs will be covered. SEC aims a satisfactory progress in the students’ grammar and understanding of parts of speech by the end of the year.

English as a First Language (EFL)

Teacher: Puan Norah Hajah

Besides providing an ESL program for students who are less proficient in English Language, Sri Utama International School Johor Bahru also conduct programmes for students who already have high level of proficiency in English Language. In Sri Utama, students’ potential are always further maximised so as to help them further excel in their education.

During the second term this year, Sri Utama International School Johor Bahru commenced English as First Language (EFL) classes conducted by one of the English Language teachers, Mdm Norah Binte Hajah. EFL after school classes aims to further boost the level of literacy and proficiency of the students’ English Language via the four components namely reading, listening, speaking and writing. There are a total of five students from Form 4A UIS and one student from Form 5A UIS who are studying English as First Language.

During EFL classes, figurative language components were taught to the students. Students also learned to identify and use imagery details and sensory details in essays. To make an early preparation for their IGCSE exams at the end of Form 5, the students were taught in the class using authentic passages and questions from the past years IGCSE papers.
Morning Reading Programme

Teacher: Mdm Norah Binte Hajah

Early in 2014, the English Language teachers of Sri Utama International School Johor Bahru have embarked on Morning Reading Programme. Morning Reading Programme is a programme that encourages students to read English books of different genres. Every morning between 7.30am and 7.50am, our prefects lead the students to sit according to their classes at the Green Court and do their reading.

The aims of this program are as follows:

◊ To motivate and nurture students to read
◊ To inculcate a reading culture in the school
◊ To provide and facilitate English Literacy resources to students
◊ To eventually generate school community support for English Literacy
◊ To identify students with special reading needs

Motivate and Nurture Students to Read
To motivate and nurture students to read, students are initially allowed to read any books of their preference, including textbooks. Gradually, the students are advised and persuaded to read English storybooks. English Language teachers play their role in helping these students to choose the right kind of books which suit their level of literacy and are to their likings.

To Inculcate Reading Culture
To inculcate positive reading culture and habits, Morning Reading Programme is integrated with classroom teaching. Every Friday, where the English period is only forty minutes, students are assigned to do Reading Journal where they have to write based on the topics set out by their teacher about the book that they have been reading for that week.

Provide and Facilitate English Literacy Resources
Apart from the school library, a mini-library has been set up in the classroom to further provide and facilitate students to read English books. Always immersed in a reading environment, be it at the Green Court, in the library or in the classroom, this will eventually trigger their perpetual desire and habit to read. So students are asked to look at home for storybooks which they have finished reading and bring them to school to contribute to the mini-library. In doing so, students are sharing their storybooks among one another. Thus, students will more likely play a role in inspiring their peers to read.

Generate a School Community Support for English Literacy
To generate a school community support for English Literacy, written essays, poems, riddles and other students’ work that are done during their classroom activities are put up on classroom noticeboards. Outstanding works are displayed on the school’s English noticeboard. By displaying students’ works, other students will be able to read and learn from them. Thus, this generates a school community support for English Literacy.

Identify Students With Special Reading Needs
Through the observations of the students during classroom teaching as well as Morning Reading Programme, the English Language teachers organise classes to provide extra assistance and guidance to these students.
On 23 August 2014, our Sri Utama International School Johor Bahru held our 21st Annual Concert at Jotic Auditorium with a dazzling musical theatre performance entitled “Beauty and The Beast”. A total of 300 excited students, teachers and parents swarmed the auditorium that morning.

The event was honorably graced by the Patron of Sri Utama Schools, Malaysia, Dato’ Fawzia Bte Abdul Karim, our Guest-of-Honour and Director of Sri Utama Schools, Malaysia, Tuan Haji Nabil Bin Tuan Haji Hassan, Head of Co-Curriculum of Sri Utama Schools, Malaysia, Mr Matthew Bryant, Board of Directors and the Principal, Puan Kamisah Zainal Abidin.

Their arrival was welcomed with a magnetizing ballet performance of the song ‘Dreams Come True’. In her welcoming speech, Pn Kamisah emphasized the significance of participation in the school concert in relation to the holistic concept of education, where students not only learn new skills but have the confidence to express their natural abilities. Upon delivery of the opening speech by the Principal and officiating of the event by our distinguished Guest-of-Honor, the concert commenced.

The mesmerizing theatrical performance combined songs, spoken dialogue, acting and dance. The story and emotional content of the musical “Beauty and The Beast” – humour, pathos, love and anger were communicated through words, music, movements and technical aspects of the entertainment as an integrated whole.

A total of nine dynamic and enthralling dance performances which were exquisitely intertwined with the theatrical performance of the fractured fairy tale “Beauty and The Beast” gripped the heart and soul of the audience who were mostly parents.

“It was a very beautiful performance. The acting by the students triggered the emotions of the audience. Very impressive!” commented a parent, Mr Mohd Hazi Bin Osman.

An Award Presentation to the three best dance performances, best actor, best actress and to the drama cast members culminated the whole event. The singing of our School Song and the National Anthem, Negaraku, wrapped up our memorable and cherishable 21st Annual Concert.

We hope to hone the soft skills of our students through Language and Arts through musical theatre performance in the future years to come.

Our heartiest appreciation and congratulations to all the students, teachers and staff who have contributed to the success of this 21st Annual Concert 2014. Last but not least, we would also like to express our sincerest gratitude to our beloved parents for their endless support towards our school events and activities.
School Open Day 2014

On 31st May 2014, Sri Utama School organized an Open day for existing Sri Utama Parents and Students, and Prospective Sri Utama Students and Parents.

The Open Day programme included a tour of the school, personal briefing and introductory talk by our experienced teachers and School Principal, Puan Kamisah.

Activities and entertainment were arranged for the children and visitors to the school. The Open Day was originally scheduled to commence at 10:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm, however it was extended due to the overwhelming response from the public.

Enquiring parents were brought to the Introduction Room where they were briefed about the school, including school history, values/mission/vision, syllabus and subject offerings, and available facilities. Tours of the School were conducted by teachers, and included Classrooms, Computer Lab, Science Lab, Dining Area, among other areas.

At the conclusion of the School tour, Enquiring Parents and their children were brought to the school hall where the children participated in various activities, drawing competitions, and a clown performance. A bouncy castle was also set up for the children’s enjoyment.

Trip to Raffles College

A motivational trip was held on the 24th May 2014 at Raffles College, located in Singapore. 26 students from Upper Secondary and 4 Sri Utama teachers participated in this memorable trip. The main objective of this trip was to provide exposure to students about student life within a higher level education environment.

During the 3 hour trip to Raffles students and Sri Utama staff we were entertained and briefed by Raffles staff about the history of the College, as well as provided information on courses offered. Students also had the opportunity to participate in selected classes such as jewelry design, product design, business and fashion design.

All students who participated in the trip, found it beneficial, by helping them understand what courses of study are available after the end of Form 5, as well as giving them an understanding of what the college environment is like.
Annual Sports Day 2014

Nazli Ali

The 2014 Annual Sports Day was held at Sekolah Kebangsaan Temenggong Abdul Rahman on May 10, 2014 at 8:00 am. The arrival of our guest of honor, Mr. Hj Hassan Mohd Ali was celebrated with the pom-pom performance by the Primary and Secondary students of the school.

The Annual Sports Day started with a march past by the 4 Houses, led by the Head Prefect, Manpreet Singh Kaler who proceeded to recite the Championship Pledge.

Tn Hj Mohd Ali Hassan opened the event with the sounding of the horn and the releasing balloons into the air. Subsequently, the Gummy Bears took the Athletics Field with an enchanting aerobic performance which received tremendous applause from the audience in attendance.

For the 2014, the Annual Sports not only comprised of field and track events, tele-matches but also games such as football, basketball and table tennis to encourage more participations from students. The games were held in school prior to the Sports day however the football finals which were held on the event itself to the joy of the parents.

In the Parents Event, it was a very close football match between the Students Dad’s and the Male teachers but in end the Dad’s were victorious. Later, the female teachers won against the Students Mum’s in the netball game.

The Annual Sports event concluded with the singing of the School song and the Negaraku at 11.30am.

The Winners

Overall Winner - GREEN HOUSE
Runner-up - RED HOUSE
Third Place - YELLOW HOUSE
Fourth Place - BLUE HOUSE

Best Male Athlete Secondary - Roshanjeet Singh (GreenHouse)
Best Male Athlete Primary - Hamzah Kusro (Blue House).
Best Female Athlete Secondary - Laila Zeroul (Red House)
Best Female Athlete Primary - Alisya Qistina (Green House)
Parade Best Team – Red House
House Decoration - Green House
The **Academic Honesty Policy** of Sri Utama reminded students they were responsible for their own work, and acknowledged the contributions of others. Nearly all students have now returned signed agreements indicating they are aware of their responsibilities.

### Submission of Work Policy

Students are expected to complete all classwork, homework and assessment tasks on time. 10% of marks will be deducted for each day late. Work over a week late will receive a D but still must be submitted for the subject to completed satisfactorily.

After a week this will become a disciplinary matter.

In the event that a serious and provable reason prevents meeting a deadline, the matter will be dealt with according to the discretion of the appropriate senior leader.

### Reminder: Bullying is not tolerated at Sri Utama Schools.

If you are ever a witness or a victim of bullying, you can email this information to

**URSafe@sriutama.edu.my**

Please describe the incident, the time and place, name the person/s involved, and the names of other witnesses. These messages are read regularly, and information in them will be followed up.

Bullies will soon change their behaviour if they know the school community is watching them, and can report their antics using this email address, at any time.
Malay IGCSE Examination 2014

On 12th August, results for IGCSE Examination 2014 taken in June series released. This year is the first batch for Utama International School Johor Bahru registered for Malay paper. The school proudly announced that, the students did very well in their IGCSE Examination 2014 for Malay paper with 100% pass. In addition, out of twelve candidates, six students attained an A* while two students achieved an A. Based on analysis of results, Manpreet Singh Kaler and Ng Ying Hui are the best students for the Malay IGCSE Examination 2014 with the highest uniform percentage mark.

Acknowledgement and thank you!

Thank you and good luck to the following colleagues who have left us to pursue other goals. They have been instrumental in developing Sri Utama, creating units of work and been instrumental in great teaching.

Ms Annie Termaat (Principal 2013-2014)
Mr Casey Dhevan (Mathematics Forms 4-5)
Mr Olivier Serbrock (English, Forms 4-5)

We are grateful for their efforts and wish them all the very best for the future!

Boarding House

Sri Utama School Kuala Lumpur has opened a newly built state of the art School Boarding House from August 2014. The School Boarding House caters for students from Form 1 to Form 5 and is conveniently located just a five-minute drive from the school compound within a secure gated development. Boarding House students are be under the supervision of two qualified and experienced Boarding House Masters as well as team of qualified Academic Tutors.

Students within the Sri Utama boarding environment will develop confidence and independence. They will also develop teamwork and leadership skills through completing daily tasks with their boarding peers. Students will develop close friendships, and will have the opportunity to mix with students from a range of countries and backgrounds. Students will also participate in after-school activities, as well as in organised educational and fun trips around Kuala Lumpur on scheduled days throughout the year. All boarders will be guided by rules and policies designed to ensure that students maintain good behavior and discipline in a safe and welcoming environment. Boarding house staff will ensure these rules and policies will be strictly adhered to.

Registration for the Boarding House is now open. Please make an appoint with School Registrar Puan Siti Faridah, if you would like a tour of the Boarding House.

Interested parties are encouraged to register early as spaces are limited.
Annual Donations to the Johor Cerebral Palsy Association (Spastic)

Every year, the Johor Cerebral Palsy Association would seek our school’s help to sell coupons for their Annual Food Fair. In April 2014, RM1000 worth of coupons were purchased by our students. To stretch the charity mileage, the students did not take the coupons instead they gave the coupons back to our teachers who went to the fair and used the coupons to purchase non-perishable food items. Our prefects then selected 2 orphanage homes to send the food items. WHAT AN INGENIOUS IDEA ……..Congratulations.

Ramadan Charity Drive

In July, during the month of Ramadan, the school makes an appeal to parents, students and staff for donations to the poor. A total of RM7395 was collected and some donated bags of rice. We bought provisions and distributed them including some ‘Duit Raya’ to 20 families and 2 children homes. Our deepest gratitude for your generosity.

MISTI Johor Bahru 2014

On 16 until 21st April 2014, students of Sekolah Sri Utama were participated “Minggu Sains Teknologi dan ICT” at PERSADA, Johor. This programme has been organized by Department Science and Technology, Johor. The aim of this programme is to expose students with the application of science and technology in real world situation. There were about 27 students which are from T5 Teratai, T4 Teratai, F5 UIS, F4 UIS and P4 Teratai involved in this program. Below are the program held in MISTI JOHOR 2014.
A Message from Kindergarten Supervisor Ms. Mohana Sunthari.

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all the cooperation and support throughout the term, especially with regards to School Open Days and Annual School Concert Preparations.

In term two I have witnessed significant improvements in all Kindergarten Students. Despite Sri Utama being most of the students first experience of the School Environment, all students have adjusted well to the daily class routine, class content, and have learnt to interact well with other students within the class.

Throughout last term significant emphasis was placed upon developing each students reading ability, this will continue throughout the term and the coming terms. I am pleased to report that already at this point of the year, most students can read independently. With regards to Mathematics, this term students have been introduced to Fractions and Decimal Systems.

In conjunction with Cultural Studies topics Farm Animals and Botany Studies, in October students will be visiting the Tropical Village located in Ayer Hitam, Johor. Other topics covered under Cultural Studies this term include different types of land and water forms.

All kindergarten students gave a phenomenal performance at the Annual School Concert, Beauty and the Beast. We will continue to nurture and develop these talents.

Reminders for Parents

◊ Pack a change of clothes in your child's school bag every day.
◊ Donate recycled materials for our class art project. Examples include old newspapers, plastic bottles, cans etc.
◊ Check your child’s homework and communications book daily,
World Scholar’s Cup (WSC) is a creative competition. It assesses thinking skills in 4 areas:
- **Debating**, which requires persuasive oral skills;
- **Collaborative Writing** (in which each group member constructs a written argument with evidence on a different aspect of a topic, before it is seamlessly collated as a single response); two quizzes,
- The **Scholars’ Bowl** and the
- **Scholars’ Challenge**.

Students are motivated to do their best, not just for themselves as supporters of their teams. The competition considers a suite of skills, and mixes the knowledge with jokes, imagination, and other intellectual games.

**Regional Round – KL 12 June**

With the support of the Head of Co-curriculum, Matthew Bryant, and Head of Student Affairs, Mr Nakhil, one of Sri Utama School’s excellent teachers of English, Mr J.D. Phoebus, coached three teams for the 2014 Regional Round. This was the first time the school had participated in the competition. Mr J.D. has extensive personal experience as a debater himself, including at university level, and a history of coaching and motivating secondary students to achieve success.

To the delight of all involved, out of a field of 20 schools Sri Utama’s three teams achieved 2nd place for Malaysia! All three teams (listed below) were invited to participate in the Global Challenge, held in Singapore.

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**Global Round – Singapore 24-27 June**

The WSC Global Round would now pitch the brains of Sri Utama against 800 teams. At international level, some teams could be anticipated to be outstanding; others would be beginners like ourselves. All Sri Utama teams needed to participate in senior rounds, because of the age of at least one member in each team.

Singapore could be bussed from KL, but there was still the registration, accommodation and costs of male and female chaperones to consider. Very generously, CEO Dato Fawzia sponsored the entire cost for the participation of our students. Absolutely every student and family recognized that without this, given the expense and such short notice, Sri Utama would not have been able to go further in the competition. Uniformly, they are very, very grateful for this special, amazing and challenging experience.

The four-day program was a full one. In addition to the competition rounds, the WSC Global Round included a mixture of guest speakers (on the topic of espionage), team building exercises with mixed school teams (a scavenger hunt on Sentosa Island), two concerts (provided by the gifted singers, dancers and a magician among the thousands of participating students), an evening ball and a closing ceremony with a Flag March highlighting representation of students from 40 countries. At least 5 Malaysian schools participated.

For every three participating teams, schools were required to provide a judge, but many schools had only been able to send one team. Therefore, Mr J.D. and Annie Termaat both adjudicated debates at Singapore Chinese Girls’ School, also the host for the teams from Sri Utama.

What was the outcome? The week was an amazing experience for all our students, who were able to witness the standard of world-class debate, which provides an exemplar and performance goal for all kinds of future achievement.

Overall, **Sri Utama came 15th in The Scholar’s Bowl** section of the competition. And **Baeck In Weon was identified as the top 110th debater.**

**Sri Utama School was ranked 165, qualifying it for the next round at Yale, USA.**
On Tuesday the 19th of August, Sri Utama Schools Kuala Lumpur successfully began a recycling campaign for the betterment of our society. The span of the campaign will extend to the next five school weeks. Campaigns goals are directed at the education in the fundamentals of waste management, and resource preservation as well as raising awareness in the issues we, as the human race, are facing. This ranges from the depletion of our resources to the harm that we do to the planet due to poor waste management. There is also a brighter side that the campaign aims to convey, and it is that we are aware of these issues and we are trying to improve them by understanding how some societies and cities manage waste and create alternative and long lasting resources. The posters that we have created present just a few pieces of information regarding waste management within the school, the city we live in, and the world itself. This is surely the beginning for a better understanding and appreciation of the planet that we live on and we hope that you may glean something from it as well.

**Green Utama**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2010, Kuala Lumpur generated more than **10,000** tonnes of waste per day

That’s enough to fill the school’s swimming pool 8 times over!

Only

**11%**

of the waste generated by the average Malaysian is recycled, even though 43% of our waste is recyclable

Many parts of your phone can be recycled:

- **Batteries** contain nickel to produce stainless steel, cobalt, and cadmium to make new batteries.
- **Circuit boards** contain small amounts of gold and silver that can be used in jewellery and other products.
- **Handset housings and casings** are made of plastics that can be shredded and used to make products such as fence posts and pallets.

**57%**

of the waste generated in Kuala Lumpur is compostable

What is compost?

Decayed organic material used as a fertilizer for growing plants.
DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling one aluminium can save enough energy to:

- Play an entire album on your iPod

Recycling 100 cans could light your room for 2 whole weeks!

A faucet that drips a single droplet wastes more than 2000 litres of water over a year.

That's enough water for over 130 water balloons!

A tonne of paper made from recycled materials saves:

- 26,000 litres of water
- 17 to 31 trees
- 27kg of air pollutants

The average citizen of Sri Utama Schools discards ¼ of their food into the waste bins.

Separating the recyclable waste from the food waste will ensure a sustainable community with a goal of preserving our environment in Sri Utama Schools.
DID YOU KNOW?

An average person produces **1.81 kgs** of municipal solid waste (MSW) a day.

MSW, commonly referred to as garbage or trash, is comprised of various materials we commonly throw away after being used. This means together, everyone at school produce in excess of **1.4 tonnes** of MSW each day!

We generate **2.15 million tonnes** of food waste each year. That's more than enough to fill up one of your classrooms **14,600 times** over!

If we compost that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking **2 million cars** off the road.

In 2009, Americans produced enough trash to circle the Earth **24 times**.
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