

# PRIDE & JOY

Written by students, for students

## Halloween at Pride



We had two hair-raising Halloween parties at Pride this month organised by our student council. There was mummy wrapping, apple ducking, zombie dodging, trick or treating, candy eating, photo bombing and even some karaoke.



Read about our Halloween party & look at some of the fantastic photos on pages 5-7

## THE LATEST



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Read about our fabulous Graduation Ceremony on p3.



A problem shared is a problem halved, or so they say. Check out our problem page on p12.



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We have had a bustling, busy month here at Pride. What with Teacher's Day, Graduation, Donations, The Art Competition and our Halloween celebrations, we have not stopped. We hope you enjoy this bumper addition of Pride & Joy.

*From Tr. Lorí & the News Team.*

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# A Glittering Graduation



PISM Mandalay celebrated a huge milestone on Friday 27th October 2017.

Our school's first IGCSE graduates were awarded their Cambridge exam certificates in a very special ceremony which took place at the Sedona Hotel.

The ceremony was attended by 3 of our 4 graduates, all PISM management, teachers and parents. After the presentation of awards and certificates, everybody enjoyed lunch, photos and a fantastic rendition of 'take me to your heart'.

Victoria and Sandra presented an entertaining insight into their student life and Hosna delivered a brilliant and humorous speech reflecting the pride that all our graduates felt. Unfortunately, Justin was unable to join us due to his studies in Singapore, but he was able to enjoy the event via a skype call and was even serenaded by his fellow graduates.

PISM Mandalay's first graduates obtained excellent results and displayed a great dedication to their studies, I hope they will be an inspiration to all students, especially our current seniors. A big 'congratulations' to everyone involved in what was a fantastic occasion.

## Special awards:

**Excellence in Music:** Victoria, **Demonstrating Excellent Leadership Skills:** Justin

**Art and Design:** Sandra, **Academic Excellence:** Hosna,

**Special Award for Longevity with Pride:** Sandra

Written by Tr. Chris

# Tr. Ei Ei Thin's Trip to England

**Q: What was your favourite food in England?**

**A:** My favourite was Fish and chips.

**Q: How was the weather in England?**

**A:** When I arrived in England it was Autumn. The weather had started to cool down similar to Mandalay's winter but Cambridge was much colder than London.

**Q: What did you learn from the Cambridge Conference?**

**A:** It was a great opportunity. I made many contacts and learned a lot from different educational perspectives.



**Q: Are there many differences between England and Myanmar?**

**A:** Yes, the time zone (about 6 hours), the weather, the transportation system (underground), the currency, the food and a lot more. I must admit I did miss the very friendly & helpful Myanmar people.

**Q: Whom did you meet with?**

**A:** I went to England with Mr. Alan & Mr. James from Yangon. In England, I met with Scarlet and her family and Mr. Andrew.

**Q: How did you spend your days in the UK, professionally and personally?**

**A:** I visited most of London's famous places such as Big Ben and the London Eye. In Manchester, I visited Old Trafford Stadium and the seaside. I went punting on the river in Cambridge. My most memorable moments were trying Buffalo Wings (not beef 😊) and going to a Musical theatre with Mr. Andrew.

**By Julie & Daniel**





# Halloween Party

Halloween, celebrated on the last day of October, is one of the newest celebrations in PISM Mandalay. This is a day when everyone looks scary. Students and teachers dressed up like demons, witches and other ghoulish characters.

Halloween is now celebrated in most parts of the world, especially in North America and Europe. Halloween comes from the ancient

Celtic harvest festival of Samhain when

people believed that the souls of the dead could walk the earth for one night. They dressed up in costumes and masks to protect themselves from evil spirits and left treats and food outside for their deceased loved ones.

Our Halloween celebration was separated into two parts, Primary and Secondary and was held in our Sports Hall. My highlight was the Mummy Wrap game. There were three pairs taking part. One person had to wrap up their partner like a mummy using tissues. The prize was given to the pair whose mummy was the scariest. Tr. Lori's highlight was watching the students ducking for apples, Elvin almost drank the contents of his bucket.

The party was so enjoyable that I did not even notice that the bell had rang. Though the time was up, everyone had not stopped taking photos with the Halloween decorations.

I hope everyone had a great time and has good memories. I am really looking forward to next year's Halloween celebration.

**Reported by Jasmine.**

## Costume Competition Winners

**Most Scary:** K-Sharb Y6 & Jennifer Y11. **Most Creative:** Shania Y6 & Vince Y8

**Cutest:** Cindy Y4 & Jack Y7

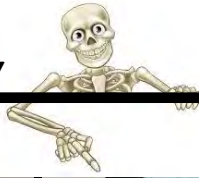


Apple Ducking for the first time



Sally & Julie giggle through the Mummy Wrap Game.











# “There’s no reason to be afraid”.

When my sister Joy and I were kids, our family lived for a while in a charming old farmhouse. We loved exploring its dusty corners and climbing the apple tree in the backyard. But our favourite thing of all, was the ghost. We called her Mother, because she seemed so kind and nurturing. Some mornings, Joy and I would wake up, and on each of our nightstands, we’d find a cup that had not been there the night before. Mother had put them there. We thought she was worried that we would get thirsty during the night. She wanted to take care of us

Among the house’s original furnishings was an antique wooden chair, which we kept against the back wall of the living room. Whenever we were preoccupied watching TV or playing video games, Mother would inch that chair forward, across the room, towards us. Sometimes she would manage to move it all the way to the centre of the room. We thought Mother just wanted to be close to us.

Years later, long after we had moved out of the farmhouse and sadly bid farewell to Mother, I found an old newspaper. This newspaper was 100 years ago and had an article in about the farmhouse we used to live in. The article was about the original occupant, a widow. She had murdered her two children by giving them each a cup of poison milk before bed. She then hung herself in the living room, beneath her the old wooden chair placed exactly in the centre of the room.



We hope you enjoyed this creepy tale by Flora Y7.

Halloween Cartoon  
Chosen by Tr. Lori





## The Killer Clown

On a Halloween day me, John, Adam and Max went camping for 2 days in the forest. As we were walking down into the forest Adam heard a strange noise coming from the tree and he thought that it was a deer, so he ignored it and walked away.

As we arrived we started setting up the tent and made dinner for the night. When night fell we started having our dinner and telling scary stories. It was 11:01 so we all went to our tent to get some sleep. When it was midnight, Max was hungry, so he went out of his tent to find some leftover food to eat and suddenly he heard some footsteps coming towards him. He was scared but he ignored it and kept eating. Suddenly he heard a clown laugh at the back of him and he saw a clown with a dagger. The clown grabbed him and dragged him into the forest. We heard him shouting so we went to see who was shouting and we saw some footprints, so we followed the footprints. The footprints led to a tiny old house.

When we went into the house there was blood all over the place and we heard Max shouting from the basement, so we went down to the basement and we saw a clown with a dagger in his hand ready to kill Max. I rushed to tackle the clown, so John and Adam can go save Max, but it stabbed me in the arm, so John came to help me. As the clown started to get beaten up, Max and Adam found a rope and we tied the clown on the chair and unmask him. I was shocked because the guy in the clown suit was my neighbour's son, Lance. We asked him a lot of questions about why he is doing this, and he didn't answer any of them. He just laughed. We called the police to arrest him, so the police rushed and put him in jail.

From that moment Max was scared of ever going camping again.

By Jack Y7.



## Annabelle Creation Review.

"I prefer it to the first movie. This movie made a good first impression on me as the trailer was scary but interesting. It is about a dollmaker and his wife who want to adopt some children as their daughter had died. Coincidentally, a nun is looking for a place to live for her group of

orphan girls. Luckily for them (or is it?) the dollmaker offers them to stay at his house. In this house, there is a forbidden room hiding a terrifying secret. I am sure you can guess what it is. Of course, one of the children goes into the forbidden room and Annabelle is awoken. I won't tell you what happens next but there are some deaths and very scary moments. The scariest part for me was when the dollmaker discovered the ghost of his daughter who had turned into a giant evil girl. I recommend this movie, but perhaps, do not watch it alone."

Review by Sally.



Check out our new PISM football kits modelled by the ECA Primary & Secondary teams...



...and our Primary Art Competition!



# Teachers' Day

Tuesday 2nd October was a perfect day at PISM because it was International Teachers' Day. This day was filled with respect. It was admirable to see all the students paying respect to their students.

International Teachers' Day is a day celebrated around the world. It encourages us to remember how thankful we are for our teachers. At PISM, we celebrated it on 2nd Tuesday October from 9am till 11am. This day was celebrated to thank teachers who help us to improve our knowledge, skills and confidence. It is important to thank them as they shape us into the right shape to be successful. Lastly, we pay respectful homage to our wonderful teachers.

On that day, we welcomed the teachers heartily, said our wishful talks and pledges, we entertained to honour the contribution of teachers. My favourite entertainment was when the Year-7 girls danced with candle light to honour the teachers with a heart-touching song. The Pre-school children were dancing too, and they were so cute.

It was a really fun day and it had an important message. I would like to thank them again because they are like our second mothers or fathers. I hope everyone always appreciates them like me.

**Report by Daniel. Photographs by Derek.**



**Problem:** My friends use too much Myanmar in school in free time, but I want to improve my English. How can I make them speak more English?

**Advice:** Only speak to them in English and the more you speak the more they will reply to you in English.



All our problems are anonymous and submitted via our problem box. The news team respond to the problems with some well thought out advice.

**Problem:** What should I do when my boyfriend gets jealous?

**Advice:** You should talk to him face to face and explain things. Everyone gets jealous sometimes but if it happens too often you should talk about it.

**Problem:** How can I relax when I'm feeling low? I don't want to be a loner in front of my friends. What can I do?

**Advice:** I am sure your friends love you for who you are. If you feel sad or low, tell them and they will do their best to understand and help you.

**Problem:** My parents are too strict. They never let me have any free time with my friends.

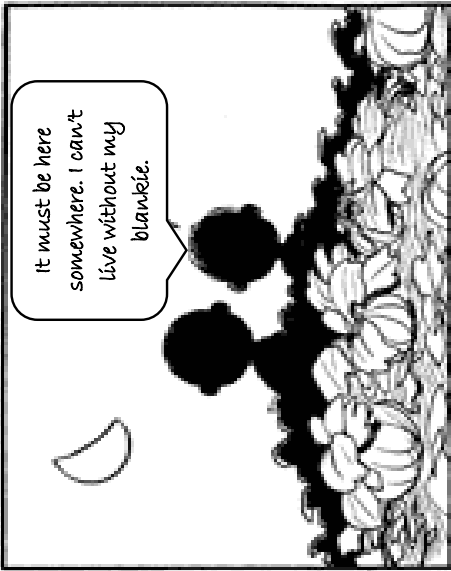
**Advice:** Speak to your parents about how you feel. Maybe, you can make a compromise, such as if you do well at school this week you can spend an afternoon with your friends.

Remember you can still submit problems at any time into our problem box under the stairs.

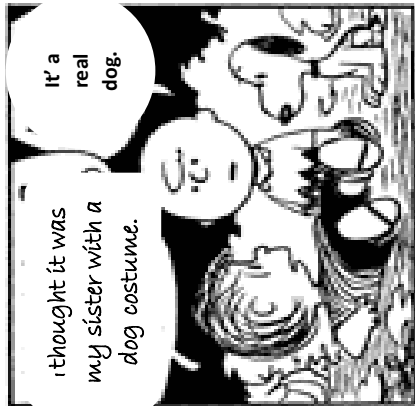
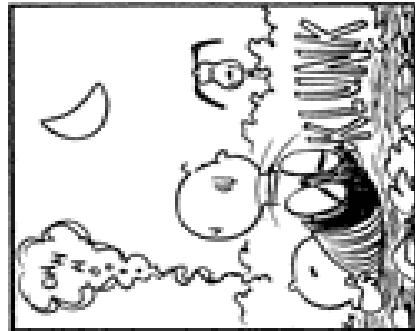
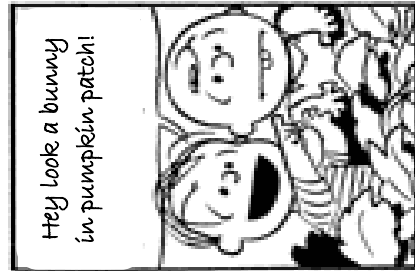
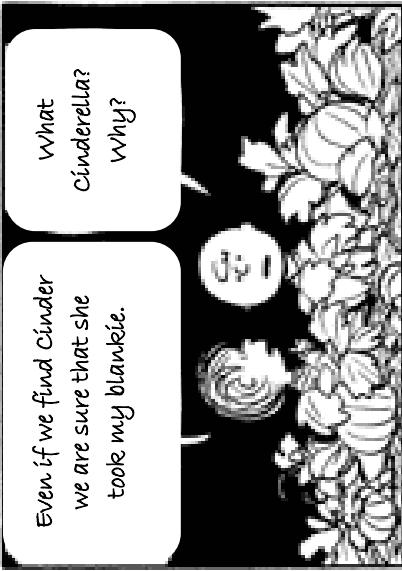
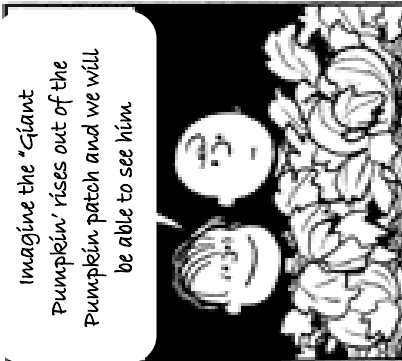
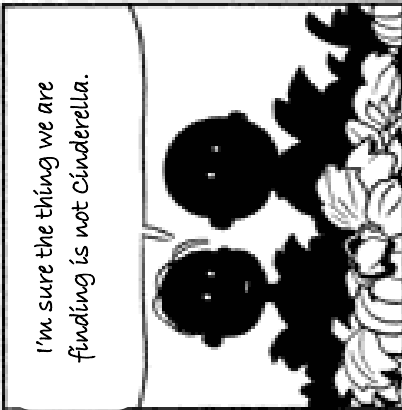


**Comic of the Month.**  
**LOST**  
**BLANKIE.**

Seriously dude, why are we crawling in a pumpkin patch. You won't find anything except pumpkins.



Imagine the 'Giant Pumpkin' rises out of the pumpkin patch and we will be able to see him.





Thanks  
for  
reading!

We welcome all newcomers to Newsletter Club. If you are creative or enjoy writing or photography, please join us.

Or even if you do not join but want to share something in the newsletter or have some ideas, come speak to us.