

# Our school

## Piasau School, Malaysia



We are a Year 6 class at Piasau School in Miri, Sarawak in Malaysia. There are 19 children in our class all aged ten or 11, and we come from many different countries, including Thailand, India, Singapore, Venezuela, China, Holland, Nigeria and the Philippines, as well as from Malaysia. Our teacher's name is Miss Alex.

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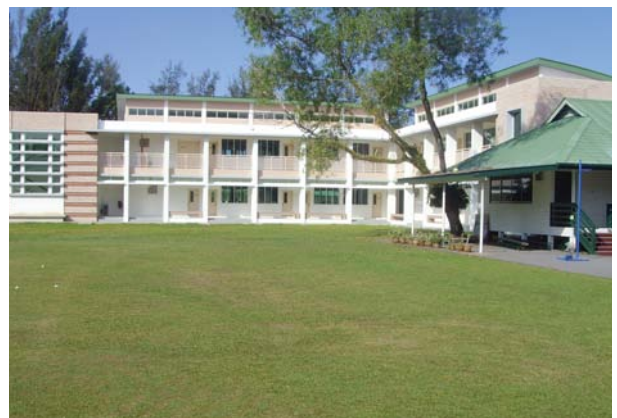
Our day starts at 8:15am. Most of us walk to school or come on our bicycles. At lunchtime, we play first from 11:40am for 20 minutes. Then, we have lunch in our classrooms. We also have a short playtime in the morning. Our holidays are the same as the British school holidays, but we have a week over the Chinese New Year and a summer half term break during Gawai – our

local holiday, normally in June. We don't wear school uniform. There are 251 children in our school and 29 different nationalities. We have to sit the UK SATs exams in literacy and maths.

Our class is really good at dancing. We've performed a traditional Indian dance at an International Food Fair and a dance called the Dance for Humanity at a fundraiser for the Red Crescent, which is the Malaysian version of the Red Cross.

We've just had a new two-storey school building added that is very different to our original wooden building.

You can find out more about us at [www.piasauschool.com](http://www.piasauschool.com)



# Our school

## British School of Houston, USA



Hi! We are The Bobcats! Our teacher is Miss Yeardley and we are a Year 5 class at the British School of Houston in the state of Texas in the United States of America. There are 578 pupils in our school and there are 40 different nationalities of children here. There are currently 18 children in our class, but over the year this number has changed eight times! This is because we are very international and our families travel all over the world. Our class has included 15 nationalities this year. This can sometimes lead to difficulties – spelling tests are quite tricky as a lot of us don't speak English at home – and even those who do, might spell words like 'colour' differently. However, we embrace and celebrate our differences and our class speciality is singing 'Happy Birthday' in five different languages!

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We have a school uniform that is different for different ages in the school. Our class wears navy blue trousers or skirts and a pale blue polo shirt, or a pale blue dress and a red cap. We come to school by school bus or sometimes our parents bring us by car. Our school building is on 14 acres of land in the city of Houston. We have a full-sized running track, two large fields and two indoor gyms. We are just minutes away from the city centre and only 36 miles from NASA space centre. Our school week is Monday

to Friday. We have an eight-week summer break, a holiday to celebrate Thanksgiving in November and holidays to celebrate Independence Day (July 4) and Martin Luther King Day (Jan 19).

You can find out more about us at [www.britishschool.org](http://www.britishschool.org)



# Our school

## SJI International School, Singapore



Hello! We are Mrs Wignall's class at SJI International School in Singapore. We are a new school, and so at the moment there are only 150 children, but the school is growing fast. We already have 23 different nationalities of children here. There are 18 children in our class who come from many countries, including Germany, South Yemen, Switzerland, France and Sri Lanka. Our class is also multi-aged, ranging from nine to 12 years old because we are such a new school, but in August we will be placed with our own age groups. Mrs Wignall is from England. We learn Chinese and some of us are really good at it now. This year, our class helped an orphanage in Myanmar by having a fair in which we raised \$1158.50 (approximately £588).

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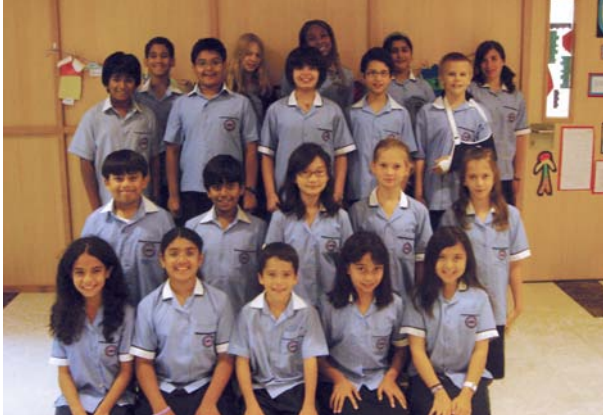
As the weather is so hot our school uniform is cool and comfortable. We wear khaki and white collared shirts or blouses with khaki shorts or skirts and the school sun hat. School mini buses pick us up and drop us off at our homes. We have large, bright and airy classrooms and there are lots of beautiful tropical trees and plants all around us. Our school year commences in August. We have three terms with holidays at Christmas, Easter and in the summer. We also enjoy lots of public holidays for local festivals including Deepavali, Hari Raya and Vesak Day (Buddah's birthday).

You can find out more about us at [www.sji-international.com.sg](http://www.sji-international.com.sg)



# Our school

## Emirates International School, Dubai



We are Class 6NB at Emirates International School at the Meadows in Dubai. Our class teacher is Mrs Bamford. There are 24 children in our class from 14 different nationalities and our ages range from ten to 12. There are 908 children in the primary school and another 510 in the high school. In all, we come from 76 different countries from around the world. We have 127 teaching staff. Most of us come to school by car. Our uniform is blue shorts or trousers and in the primary school we wear blue and white striped cotton shirts. Our school week is Sunday through to Thursday and our school day is from 7:40am until 2:50pm. We do have half

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term holidays, but they are just a couple of days, however, we are lucky because we also observe all the Islamic holidays.

The highlight of this year was when we were visited by Adrian Hayes, a British adventurer who is only the 15th person in the world to conquer the North and South Poles and climb Mount Everest! We all want to do something like that now! Along with Grade 5, we raised over 12,000 dirhams (approximately £1652) for Mr Hayes' UK and UAE charities.

You can find out more about us at [www.eischools.ae](http://www.eischools.ae)



# Our school

## The International School of The Hague, The Netherlands



Let us introduce you to Year 5 from The International School of The Hague. Our teacher's name is Miss Kehoe and she comes from Canada. There are 21 students in our class. We come from all around the world including Serbia, Italy, Croatia, Germany, France, Belgium, Great Britain, Ghana, Algeria, South Africa, Israel, Thailand, Brazil and America!

Our school is a Dutch international school which means that we celebrate Dutch festivals and events, like Sinterklas and Queen's Day. We all learn Dutch from the age of four years old, so some of us can

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speak three languages. Most of us cycle to school as this is one of the most popular ways to get around The Hague. We take pride in celebrating the differences and similarities in all that we do.

This year, we have been on some very exciting and interesting trips – to the Space Expo (the visitor centre for the European Space Agency) in Noordwijk, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, and a three-day field trip to Texel, a small island off the east coast of Holland.

You can find out more about us at [www.issthague.nl](http://www.issth Hague.nl)

