

Students celebrate linguistic diversity during Languages Week

The Senior School recently held its annual Languages Week, where the Meriden community came together to celebrate the languages, culture and diversity of our community and beyond our gates.

Preparations for Languages Week began earlier in the term with a competition to design a banner for the eVe Languages page open exclusively to Year 7 students. Congratulations to the winner of the competition, Joanne Chen, and to Caiyi Zhang who earned a special mention.

One of the highlights of the week was the “passport” activity in which participants learnt five expressions in a different language to earn a stamp for their passports. Students and members of staff came together to teach the girls words in ten different languages that are not currently taught at Meriden.

Other popular activities included cultural games, such as Chinese Mahjong, Japanese Hanafuda and French Pétanque, crafts, problem-solving games, a Kahoot interactive quiz and Karaoke in foreign languages.



Sofia Lam and Chanel Hak



Caiyi Zhang's eVe competition entry



Joanne Chen's winning competition entry to the eVe competition



Olivia Kim's winning entry to the art competition

Throughout the week, there were daily competitions including a general knowledge quiz of five questions and an art competition in which students needed to recreate an artwork at home and photograph it. Congratulations to Olivia Kim, Year 8, who won the competition with her creative entry.

During Chapel, the girls celebrated Languages Week with songs and bible readings in different languages.

Overall, it was a great week and the excitement for languages was palpable around the school. Even the school canteen joined in and offered a special Languages Week international menu with daily specials.

Here is some feedback we received from a participating student:

“I thought Languages Week Chapel was very special and different. It was interesting to hear so many different languages.” – Charlotte So, Year 7

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