

## Year 5 Indonesian Excursion

On 24 August 2018, an Indonesian excursion was organized for 25 selected Year 5 students based on their consistent work ethic, positive attitude and respectful social/safe behaviour. The excursion was to the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia and Batavia Indonesian Restaurant.

The excursion helped the students develop sociolinguistic and socio-cultural understandings and apply them within the Indonesian Language. It also enabled students to develop a greater understanding of Indonesian culture, music and art.

At the Indonesian Consulate, students participated in a hands-on workshop. The workshop was conducted by Bapak Sofari Hidayat. Students undertook a hands-on approach to the '*Gamelan*' or Javanese Orchestra.



The students got to play '*Angklung*', a musical instrument made from bamboo and also learnt how to play the puppets called '*Wayang Golek*'. *Wayang* means puppet. *Golek* means rod (as the puppets are operated by wooden rods). Therefore, *Wayang Golek* means Rod Puppets.



At the Indonesian Restaurant, the students had the privilege of watching a cooking demonstration in preparing '*Nasi Goreng*'/ fried rice. We all enjoyed tasting many varieties of authentic Indonesian cuisine prepared for our lunch by Ibu Shirley. The food was tasty and we enjoyed the dessert too. Some students decided to pack their leftovers.



Through this excursion, students were exposed to stimulating and authentic activities which brought the Indonesian Language and culture 'alive'. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Spencer for assisting us on our excursion as parent helpers. We hope to make this excursion a yearly event.

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