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**Welcome to
Zenith's April Issue 2026.**

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

- Nelson Mandela

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR OWNERS & MANAGING DIRECTORS

MR. TINESHWAR RAVI SHANKAR & MR. KISHEN BAVISI

Dear Parents, Students, and Members of the Zenith Community,

As we step into April, we are filled with immense pride and excitement at everything that is happening across our school. This has been a month of celebrations, new beginnings, and some truly wonderful news for our community – and I am delighted to share it all with you.

SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI

To all our Muslim families, students, and staff, we extend our warmest and most heartfelt Hari Raya wishes. Hari Raya Aidilfitri is a time of forgiveness, gratitude, and togetherness – values that are very much alive here at Zenith. Our in-school celebration was a joyful occasion that brought our entire community together, and seeing our students embrace the festive spirit with such warmth and enthusiasm was truly a proud moment for all of us. May this blessed season bring peace, happiness, and renewal to your homes and families. Maaf Zahir dan Batin.

ZENITH x SEREMBAN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

We are thrilled to announce that Zenith International School has officially partnered with Seremban United Football Club as their Platinum Sponsor. This is a partnership we are incredibly proud of, and one that reflects our belief that a great education extends well beyond the classroom. Through this collaboration, our students will benefit from structured, professional football development as part of their journey here at Zenith. Alongside this, we are excited to launch our newly rebranded ZIS Football Academy, with sessions every Tuesday and Thursday. Whether your child is an aspiring footballer or simply loves the game, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow, and we look forward to seeing our students thrive on the pitch.

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS IS BACK AT ZENITH

We are thrilled to announce the return of Rhythmic Gymnastics to Zenith International School – and this time, we have raised the bar significantly. Through our exciting collaboration with Gymday Studio, we are proud to welcome Coach Afrita Ariany Binti Nasril to the Zenith family. A Former National Athlete, SEA Games Coach, Commonwealth Coach, and FIG Judge, Coach Afrita brings with her a wealth of experience and a standard of excellence that is truly world-class.

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Through this programme, our students will be trained in the art of combining strength, flexibility, precision, and artistry – developing not just physical ability, but confidence, discipline, and the mindset of a champion. This is not simply an extracurricular activity. It is a high-performance pathway, delivered by someone who has competed and coached at the highest levels of the sport. At Zenith, we don't just build students – we develop champions. Details on enrolment and session schedules will be shared with parents shortly.

WELCOMING OUR NEW PRINCIPAL – MR. MOHANARAJ BALAKRISHNAN

We are incredibly proud and excited to announce that Mr. Mohanaraj Balakrishnan will be officially joining Zenith International School as our new Principal on 3rd June 2026.

Mr. Mohanaraj brings with him an outstanding breadth of experience in academic leadership, curriculum development, and education innovation. His career spans roles as a Principal and Academic Director, Cambridge International Examiner, Programme Director at Heriot-Watt University, and Examiner for the School Curriculum and Standards Authority in Western Australia, among many other distinguished positions.

His credentials are equally impressive – a Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching and Learning with Distinction, recognition as a Google Certified Educator, and a remarkable list of awards including the Cambridge International Secondary Science Competition Global Sustainability Award, Educator of the Year at Heriot-Watt University, and the Spirit of Heriot-Watt Award for Shaping the Future.

Beyond his qualifications, Mr. Mohanaraj is a passionate advocate for student-centred learning, curriculum innovation, and the integration of technology in education. His appointment marks a truly significant milestone in Zenith's journey, and we are confident that his leadership will elevate our school to new heights. We warmly welcome Mr. Mohanaraj and his family to the Zenith community. Great things are ahead.



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CONCERT REHEARSALS IN FULL SWING

Behind the scenes, our talented students are working incredibly hard in preparation for the Zenith Annual Concert – Music Through the Decades – on 23rd May 2026 at One Destiny Hall. The dedication and effort on display during rehearsals has been outstanding, and I have no doubt that the night will be truly memorable. If you have not yet secured your seats, please do so soon. We look forward to celebrating together.

A BRAND NEW PLAYGROUND

It has been wonderful to see the sheer joy on our students' faces since the unveiling of our brand-new playground. Play is an essential part of childhood, and we are committed to providing spaces where our students can be active, creative, and connected. Seeing them enjoy this new addition every single day makes it all worthwhile.

As always, thank you for your continued trust, your support, and your belief in what Zenith can be. There is so much more ahead, and we are excited to walk this journey with every one of you.

Warm regards,
Tineshwar Ravi Shankar & Kishen Bavisi
Co-Owners & Co-Managing Directors
Zenith International School, Seremban



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SECONDARY

MUHAMMAD FITRI BIN ABDUL MUTALLIB

Dear Zenith Community,

April has been an exciting and eventful month for our student athletes, filled with competitions, achievements, and valuable learning experiences. We are proud to highlight their participation and success across various sporting events.

Basketball U18 – MSSD Seremban 1

Our Under-18 basketball team took part in the MSSD Seremban 1 tournament from 7th to 9th April 2026 at SMK Methodist (ACS). Competing against strong opponents, the team displayed determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout the tournament, finishing in an impressive 5th place.

Chess – MSSNS

Our students participated in the MSSNS chess competition held from 13th to 16th April 2026 Chung Hua High School, Seremban. A special congratulations goes to Praneal Balan, who achieved an outstanding 2nd place and has been selected to represent Negeri Sembilan at the MSSM level. This is indeed a proud accomplishment for both the student and the school.

Badminton MSSD – U12 / U15 / U18

Our badminton players demonstrated strong performances during the competition from 20th to 24th April 2026 at SJKC Kuo Min, Seremban. Many of our players advanced to the quarter-finals, reflecting their skill, focus, and competitive spirit.

Track Invitational 2026

On 23rd April 2026 at Adcote Matrix International School, our students participated in the Track Invitational event, gaining valuable exposure and showcasing great sportsmanship while competing alongside other schools. We are also proud to share that a number of our students managed to win medals in their respective events, reflecting their hard work and dedication.

Football U12 – Friendly Match

The month concluded with a friendly football match for our Under-12 team on 29th April 2026 at (SRI) Seremban. The match provided an excellent opportunity for our young players to build confidence, strengthen teamwork, and enjoy the spirit of the game.

Overall, April has been a rewarding month for our sports teams. We are proud of their dedication, perseverance, and positive attitude in representing the school. We look forward to even greater achievements in the months ahead.



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF PRIMARY

MS NOOR LEILAH

Dear Zenith Community,

April was a vibrant and meaningful month for our Primary students at Zenith International School, filled with cultural celebration, character development, and proud student achievements.

Hari Raya Celebration 2026

On 10 April 2026, our school community came together to celebrate Hari Raya in a joyful atmosphere that reflected unity, gratitude, and togetherness. Students arrived in beautiful traditional attire and enjoyed potluck celebrations within their respective classrooms, strengthening friendship and community spirit.

The celebration featured engaging exhibition booths showcasing traditional attire demonstrations, lemang preparation and kuih raya tasting, traditional games such as boling kelapa and batu seremban, as well as cultural activities including khat calligraphy. Students across all year levels participated enthusiastically in festive competitions, followed by cultural performances, prize giving, and the Best Raya Dress competition during the Hari Raya ceremony. We extend our sincere appreciation to parents and families for their generous support and contributions, which made the celebration truly memorable.

TECHNOVA Summit 2026 - National Level Innovation Competition

We proudly congratulate Diyakshaa Nair Sabareesh, Sophie Iman Binti Mohamad Asif, and Heerraina Kaur A/P Ravinder Singh for achieving the Gold Award at the TECHNOVA Summit 2026 National Level Innovation Competition. Their innovative project has been selected to represent Malaysia at the International Round, reflecting outstanding creativity, teamwork, and dedication. We wish them continued success as they move forward to the international stage.

HCGE Assembly Highlight - The Importance of Family Gathering and Vacation

During our HCGE assembly, Year 3 Newton students Gabriel and Shanice confidently shared the importance of family gatherings and vacations. They reminded their peers that spending quality time with family strengthens relationships, creates happy memories, and helps individuals feel loved and connected.

ZIS Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy - Trial Classes

In April, the ZIS Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy conducted complimentary trial classes led by Coach Afrita Ariany bt Nasril, a former Malaysian national athlete with extensive international competitive and coaching experience. The sessions provided Preschool and Primary students with an exciting opportunity to explore rhythmic gymnastics while developing confidence, discipline, and physical coordination.

We are proud of our Primary students for their continued growth in character, confidence, and excellence beyond the classroom.



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF PRESCHOOL

MS UMMA MAHESWARY

April has been a vibrant and meaningful month at Zenith Preschool, filled with engaging learning experiences, creativity, and joyful moments of discovery.

This month, our children explored an exciting Science activity on the Four Seasons through a creative, hands-on experiment. Using recycled plastic bottles, they designed their own “season bottles” filled with materials such as fresh flowers, dried leaves, stones, and other items found in the classroom. Each bottle represented a different season, helping children to visualise and understand how nature changes over time. This activity not only strengthened their understanding of the topic but also encouraged creativity, environmental awareness, and fine motor skills. It was truly rewarding to see the children confidently share their ideas and observations.

Beyond the classroom, our little learners continued to enjoy a balanced routine of learning and play. Whether working together during activities or spending time outdoors, the children showed growing confidence, curiosity, and enthusiasm in everything they do. These everyday moments play an important role in supporting their social, emotional, and physical development.

At Zenith Preschool, we believe that meaningful learning happens when children are given opportunities to explore, create, and express themselves in a nurturing environment. The experiences in March reflect our commitment to fostering happy, confident, and curious learners.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and supportive parents for your continued partnership in making each learning moment meaningful for our children.



Small Steps, Big Progress

Written by our Student

Joining Zenith International School in 2022 was the beginning of a journey that shaped me into a more confident, hardworking, and determined student. Although I may not hold any leadership positions, my experience here has shown me that every student has the ability to grow, contribute, and achieve success in their own way.

Over the past few years, I have worked hard academically and was proud to achieve Top 1 in my year for two consecutive years. One of my most memorable achievements was scoring a perfect 50/50 in the Cambridge Checkpoint English examination. These accomplishments taught me that consistency, effort, and believing in yourself can lead to great results. I am deeply grateful to my teachers and classmates who continuously encouraged and supported me throughout my journey.

Beyond academics, school life has also allowed me to explore my interests and step out of my comfort zone. I enjoy playing badminton and have participated in MSSD competitions. Even though I did not win, the experience taught me resilience, sportsmanship, and the importance of never giving up. I also had the opportunity to emcee several school events, which helped me build confidence and improve my communication skills.

What makes Zenith International School truly special is its supportive environment. The school does not only focus on achievements, but also encourages students to discover their potential, gain confidence, and become the best versions of themselves. The friendly atmosphere in school makes it easy for students to form meaningful friendships and create unforgettable memories together. Whether inside the classroom, during school events, or through extracurricular activities, students are constantly encouraged to participate, improve, and support one another.

In addition, the teachers at Zenith are not only educators, but also mentors who genuinely care about the progress and well-being of every student. Their dedication motivates students to work harder and believe in their abilities. I am proud to be part of a school community that inspires students to dream bigger, work harder, and continue striving for excellence every day.



**Year 10 Newton
Charlene**