



Dear BSKL Parents,

With this message, we would like to formally announce that BSKL for Malayan Tigers has returned!

For those of you who don't know what BSKL for Malayan Tigers is, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce the project to you. BSKL for Malayan Tigers is a student-led, social enterprise initiative founded by us, Zac (Y10) and Sasha (Y12), in 2019 with the aim of spreading awareness of the plight of the Malayan Tiger and raising funds for tiger conservation in Malaysia, within the BSKL community.

During a research project in Y5 that Sasha did on endangered animals, she was devastated to learn about the struggle against extinction that the Malayan Tigers were facing. It was shocking to us both that our beloved Harimau Malaya, the national animal of Malaysia, mascot of our national sports teams and emblem of our Jata Negara (Malaysian Coat of Arms), was losing its fight for life. The prospect of this national treasure possibly being wiped out from the face of the Earth led us to speak to Mrs Stringer about the possibility of running an initiative to get BSKL to do our part to help save the Malayan Tiger. One year later, BSKL for Malayan Tigers was born, and so began BSKL's fight to keep our tigers alive.

Since its establishment, BSKL for Malayan Tigers has run campaigns in 2019/20 and 2021/22 and was involved in Earth Week 2023 as well as other fund raising activities. In total, we have raised over RM140,000 which has been donated to the World Wildlife Fund Malaysia (WWF-Malaysia), the Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers (MYCAT) as well as Jabatan Perhilitan (Dept. Of Wildlife and National Parks, Government of Malaysia) in support of conservation efforts in Malaysia.

However, raising funds is not the sole aim of BSKL for Malayan Tigers; our goals have always been two-fold: to raise money to support tiger conservation and to spread awareness of the threat of extinction that the Malayan tiger faces. We ran events such as the artwork competition which had entries compiled into a calendar with a foreword from Tun Dr Siti Hasmah (then patron of the Save Our Malayan Tiger Campaign as well as wife to former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir), pay-per-view basketball competitions, food sales, our very own online store (with specially branded BSKL for Malayan Tiger merchandise) and much more!

When BSKL for Malayan Tigers was first founded, there were 200 Malayan Tigers left in the wild. Fast forward to 2026, there are less than 150. With the implementation of global tiger initiatives to increase tiger population, some other tiger range countries have been successful in increasing their wild tiger populations; Malaysia, sadly, has not. Now, more than ever, is the time for us to act if we want to have a fighting chance of saving our national animal from extinction, and so, with that in mind, we would like to introduce our plans for BSKL for Malayan Tigers 2026 and what you, and your child, can do to protect our beloved Pak Belang (or Uncle Stripes as the Malayan Tiger is fondly called).

Firstly, we are very proud to introduce our fantastic Tiger Team for 2026 to the parent community: Shanaya, Shivika, Layan, Grace and Zi-En (Y6), Yushin (Y7), Thomas and Mirielle (Y8), Max (Y10), Leonard (Y11) and Ruby and Pranika (Y12). As you can see, our Tiger Team consists of students from Y6 right up to Y12, reflecting our school wide commitment to tiger conservation.

Together with our Tiger Team we will be running school wide initiatives, across both Primary and Secondary for the entirety of this term, such as tiger art competitions, as well as photography and student vs. staff basketball competitions. We will also be launching our online store at the beginning of February to sell BSKL for Malayan Tigers merchandise like caps, t-shirts, tote bags, plushies, jewellery, pencil cases and much more! Below is a sneak peek of the new and redesigned BSKL for Malayan Tigers caps and t-shirts; there are sizes for the whole family! Communication regarding the store and our full merchandise catalogue will be shared in the coming weeks.



All of the events that we will be organising are intended to be a part of the build up for our final whole school event: Earth Week 2026, this year with a focus on the Malayan Tiger. During that week, we will be running events like BSKL for Malayan Tiger assemblies, talks from WWF Malaysia, Pak Belang's Marketplace (with several stalls for food, drinks, merchandise and more!), hosting the Dept. Of Wildlife and National Park's Tiger Exhibition in the Lower Hill Library, as well as BSKL Tiger Day 2026, where all members of the BSKL Community will come to school in our BSKL for Malayan Tigers t-shirts, just like we did in 2020 and 2022.

Those of you who have children in Primary may have heard of the BSKL for Malayan Tigers 2026 launch assembly held recently. The enthusiasm that our Tiger Team was met with was absolutely incredible to see. Mrs Stringer, our project mentor, has shared information regarding the very first Primary competition - Storytime with Pak Belang! Please do take a look, and encourage your child to participate. With the support of Mrs Humphrey, our Secondary students will be having their launch assemblies in the coming weeks as well. We are truly excited about the return of BSKL for Malayan Tigers to the campus and can't wait to do our part to keep the roar alive in the jungles of Malaysia.

Whether your child is in Pre-Nursery, Y13, or anything in between, we would be truly grateful if you could spend some time today talking about BSKL for Malayan Tigers and about what you and your family can do to help. We need the entire BSKL community working together if we want to make this project a success and that includes each and every member of our school community: students, teachers, parents and staff.

We thank you for taking the time to read this message, and for your support. We may only be children, but we believe that together, we can do our part to save the Malayan Tiger from extinction. The time for us to act is now.

Yours faithfully,

Zac & Jasha Philip

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