



# Malaysian Social Research Institute

**SOWING SEEDS OF RESILIENCE**

*Building Tomorrow*





Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for the poor, hungry, marginalized and politically under-represented people in local communities and across the world. We actively seek to improve their standard of living and make a long-lasting impact with sustainable solutions, operating through grassroots projects and educational initiatives. Beyond helping the local communities, we also work with refugee and asylum-seeker communities whose country of origin are those within the Middle Eastern, Central Asian and African regions, which include Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, Syria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.





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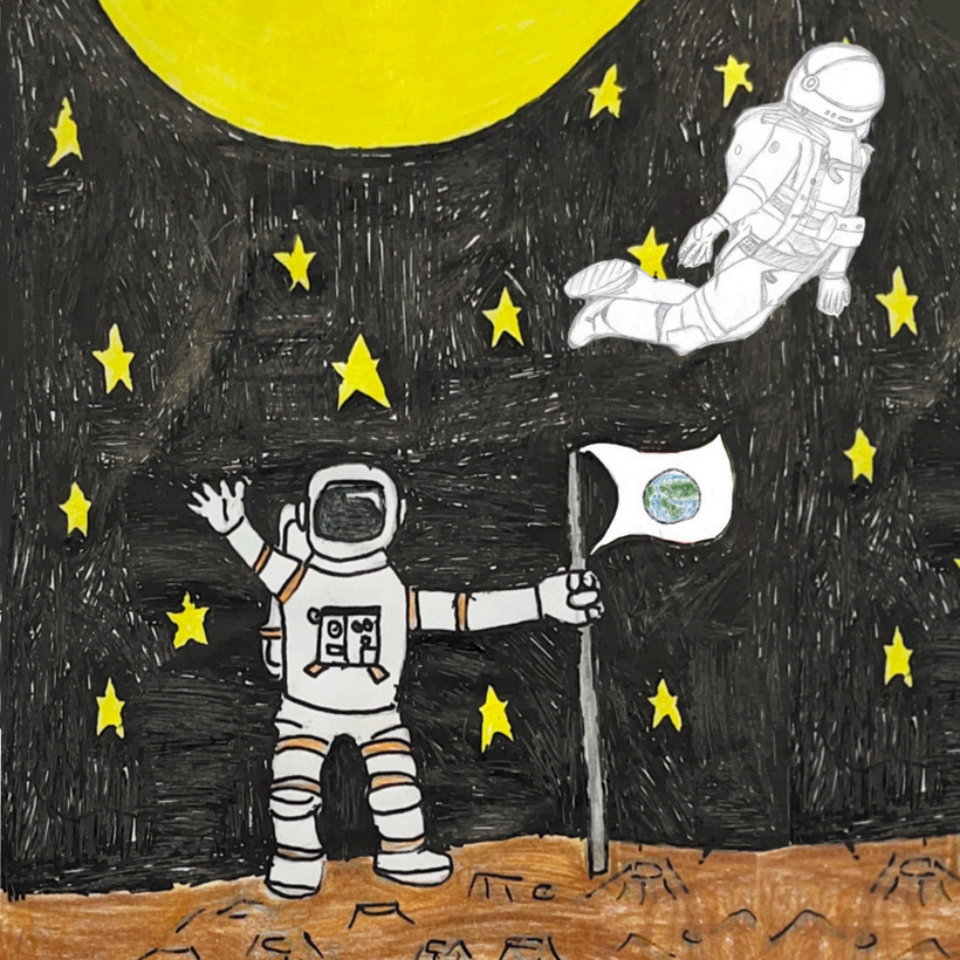
MSRI Student Grade 3

What are your hopes and dreams for the future?  
"I have a dream that everyone could be happy in future."  
-Tamara, grade 4, age 9, 2023

### **Every Child Deserves to Feel Safe.**

MSRI Sahabat School is an informal learning center that provides education and support to over 500 refugee youth aged 5 to 17 from more than 13 different nationalities. Students attend classes five days a week for three hours daily, focusing on core subjects: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

But Sahabat School is more than just a place for learning—it's a sanctuary. For children who have faced displacement and uncertainty, the school offers a safe and welcoming space where they can find stability and belonging. Within its walls, students are surrounded by a diverse community that encourages friendship, creativity, and play. Here, students are given the tools to succeed academically and supported emotionally and socially. The school nurtures resilience, confidence, and hope, empowering children to heal, grow, and thrive as they await resettlement and the chance to build brighter futures.





Drawing by :

Elyas Noori Grade 4  
What I inspire to be when I grow up  
I want to be an astronaut  
because I want to see the  
other side of the  
world  
by,  
fereshda Hussaini ↗

**Education is a fundamental right and a powerful tool for every child's growth and future.**

MSRI Sahabat School is an informal learning center serving over 500 refugee youth from more than 13 nationalities aged 5-17. The school provides a structured learning environment where students attend classes five days a week for three hours daily, focusing on four core subjects: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Beyond academics, MSRI Sahabat School is committed to equipping students with the essential skills they need to thrive—whether they remain in Malaysia or continue their journey elsewhere. By fostering resilience, curiosity, and confidence, the school empowers students to build brighter futures despite the challenges they face.



when I grow up I want to  
be pilot.

When I grow up I  
want to  
be Artist. Because art is  
beautiful.

Because I want to draw the  
world.

When I grow  
up I want to  
be Doctor.  
Because  
I want to  
help people.

when I grow up I  
want to be teacher



Drawing by :

Marwa, Dunya, Narges  
Parisa & Saad

**Education is a fundamental right for every child.**

MSRI Sahabat School is an informal learning center serving over 500 refugee youth from more than 13 nationalities aged 5-17. This artwork was created by students in MSRI's "Tuition Class," a transitional program designed for children recently arriving in Malaysia after leaving their home countries. For many of these students, it's their first experience in a classroom and their first time learning English.

The Tuition Class plays a crucial role in ensuring that no child is left behind. It provides a safe space where students can learn, play, and grow, giving them the tools to build a brighter future.







Drawing by :

Mar gam Aaie "House" Grade 2

**Every child deserves a home.**

MSRI Sahabat School is an informal learning center that serves over 500 refugee youth from more than 13 different nationalities. Every child deserves a place to call home, and MSRI strives to create a safe, nurturing environment where students can learn, grow, and build meaningful connections. Beyond academics, the school offers extracurricular activities, life skills workshops, and psychosocial support to ensure students feel empowered and cared for. By fostering a sense of belonging and stability, MSRI helps refugee children build the confidence they need to thrive despite the challenges they face.

