Tanglin were delighted to host the inaugural Year 1 Jobs Alike Workshop, entitled ‘Bridging the Gap between EYFS and KS1’ in October. Thirty-seven dedicated colleagues in similar roles across 14 different FOBISIA schools gathered together to share practice and experiences, as well as current or potential concerns they face. Key Stage leaders, Heads of Year and teachers from Reception and Year 1 engaged in professional dialogue and openly shared resources and strategies, helping each other to reflect and seek clarity.

These passionate and enthusiastic educators shared their experiences and embraced new ideas across multiple aspects, such as; classroom and transition planning, assessment strategies, subject-specific challenges, optimisation of learning environments and the most effective resources. A big thank you to those who were brave enough to facilitate and present sessions and get the dialogue rolling, and to everyone who attended for being so open, enthusiastic and constructive in sharing their views and ideas.

Valuable connections were formed between schools throughout the two days, and the impact will continue well beyond the JAW, with dialogue continuing between individuals after the event, and the continued sharing of resources in the cloud. As I write this, just a few days after the JAW, participants have already related the impact of new things they have tried in class to enhance learning for their children, demonstrating the power of such events.

Unfortunately, attendees didn’t see Singapore at its best due to the terrible haze, but at least the outcome of the workshops proved both productive and rewarding!