



HGP

HEARTBEAT



Bringing out the Best in Every Child, Together



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*Life is a beautiful collage of priceless moments
and memories, which when pieced together
creates a unique treasured masterpiece.*

Melanie M. Koulouris

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Small World, Big Memories

In September, an artwork by a talented group of HGPians was not only selected for the Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition at the Stamford Art Centre, but also featured in the invitation card for the event. Entitled Small World, Big Memories, it comprises a creative and captivating collage of the students' biggest childhood memories in miniature form using shrink plastic.

The beautiful and intricate masterpiece mirrors the myriad of priceless memories that are formed and imprinted in every HGPian's six years in the school. In this issue of HGP Heartbeat, we will spotlight on the many unforgettable moments that our students experienced in the second half of 2024. These include the National School Games sports competitions, community performances by our performing arts CCA groups, as well as various school-based celebrations and level-wide programmes. Through all our shared experiences, we have come closer together as a school, deepening our sense of identity and belonging. I am especially glad to see HGPians enjoying themselves, and more importantly, heartened by their efforts and achievements in all the different areas of their learning, both within and beyond the

classroom. Reading about how our alumni like Isaiah and Nasuha Noradi have gone on to pursue their dreams and find success provides my colleagues and me with the confidence and conviction to continue helping our students discover their interests and develop their gifts here in HGP.

As we watch our children learn and grow, let us express our appreciation and gratitude to the various groups of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make schooling here meaningful, magical and memorable. In particular, I wish to say a big thank you to our dedicated team of teachers and non-teaching staff, as well as our supportive partners in our Parent-in-Action (PiA) Group, Alumni and School Advisory Committee. Collectively, we have created a treasured masterpiece piecing together all the big memories in school for our students that is uniquely HGP and forever theirs to keep!

Mr Jason Goh
Principal, Hougang Primary School





BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN EVERY CHILD TOGETHER

Our students have truly shone brightly across a diverse spectrum of interests and talents. In the realm of sports, their dedication and hard work have led to remarkable victories and accomplishments, showcasing their athleticism and team spirit. Moreover, their artistic flair has blossomed with stunning performances in various forms of art, from mesmerizing dance routines to captivating musical compositions and captivating forms of visual arts.

Beyond sports and arts, these students have also excelled in a myriad of other areas, demonstrating their intellectual prowess and commitment to personal growth. We continue to strive to provide a holistic education, nurturing well-rounded individuals who excel not only academically but also shine as accomplished athletes, accomplished artists, and all-around achievers. Congratulations to our students for their outstanding performance and achievements!

National School Games 2023



Gymnastics | Azmil Bin Muhammad Alif 5D Football | Junior Boys Tier 4 | 2nd Position

i. Junior Boys Optional Vault Event - 3rd Position

ii. Junior Boys Optional All Around - 3rd Position



Volleyball | Junior Girls | Junior Boys

i. Junior Girls Tier 1 - 3rd Position

ii. Junior Boys Tier 2 - 2nd Position

iii. Senior Boys Nationals - 3rd Position



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i. Junior Girls 1st International Sword 3rd Position | Kayley Wong Wen Xi 4D

ii. Junior Boys 5-Duan Nanquan

1st Position | Athan Choo Hao Ting 4B

iii. Senior Boys 4-Duan Broadsword 6th position | Nathan Choo Hao Jun 6B



Hockey | Junior Girls

i. Junior 2 Girls Tier 1 - 2nd Position

ii. Junior 1 Girls Nationals - 3rd Position



Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Art Exhibition

Art Club:

- i. Category A – Certificate of Recognition
- ii. Category B - Certificate of Recognition

National Primary Schools Sport Climbing Championship

- i. Senior Girls Bouldering – 8th Position
(Koh Hui Yu, Claire 5E)
- ii. Senior Girls Top Rope – 8th Position
(Koh Hui Yu, Claire 5E)
- iii. Senior Boys Team Award – 2nd Position



Other Notable Achievements

Kin-Ball Championship | Fast Club CCA | Junior Mixed Team 2nd



Chess | Lee Kar Yan, Rebekah | 1G
Individual Chess Competition (Under 8 Girls)
North Zone (7th Position)
National Schools (20th Position)



Poetry | Aishwarya Saravanan | 3A
National Poetry Recitation Competition - 2nd Position

School Celebrations & Community Performances

During our school's celebrations, our CCA groups truly shine as a beacon of community spirit and unity. Our students came together to deliver heartwarming and engaging performances that captivated the hearts of all who attended. From lively dance routines that celebrate cultural diversity to musical showcases that evoke the essence of the occasion, these community performances add a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere to every event. Our school's commitment to involving the community in their

festivities not only fosters a strong sense of togetherness but also showcases the incredible talent and dedication of our students. These performances are a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to celebrating and sharing joy with the wider community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers, parents and dedicated instructors / coaches who generously devoted their precious time during the weekends to make this possible.

Jalan Kayu Day 2023



PassionArts@The Heartlands



Band Exchange

Together with bands from Casuarina Primary, Concord Primary, and North Vista Primary Schools, our Brass Band members had a fun-filled Band Exchange Programme. The event's highlight was a remarkable combined performance featuring approximately 100 band members playing "To Greater Heights." The day concluded on a high note with captivating performances from all participating school bands, including our own. Beyond fostering friendships with fellow music enthusiasts, this Band Exchange Programme provided an invaluable platform for our band members to refine their skills and reach new heights in their musical journey.

Hari Raya Celebrations 2023

Hougang Primary School's vibrant Hari Raya Puasa celebration on April 27, 2023, was made even more special by our Primary One students, who took on the roles of emcees for the HGP 'Beraya' 2023 concert. Despite it being their inaugural experience on stage hosting a school event, these young talents displayed remarkable confidence and composure, earning them numerous praises from both teachers and peers alike. Their outstanding performance left a lasting impression, and we could not be prouder of their fantastic job. Kudos to our budding emcees!



National Day Celebrations 2023



Onward as One!



Primary 1 and 2 Outdoor Education Learning Journey to Bird Paradise



Look who we met at the Bird Paradise!



23rd Prefects Investiture 2023



Celebrating Artistic Excellence:

Our School Shines at SYF Art Exhibition 2023



In a testament to the creative genius of our students, our school shone brightly at the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Art Exhibition 2023, under the theme 'Artist and Inspiration.' Across three categories - Category A (Primary 1 and 2), Category B (Primary 3 and 4), and Category C (Primary 5 and 6) - our young artists delivered an impressive showcase.

A Brushstroke of Success

We take immense pride in the dedicated efforts of all our students who have passionately worked hard on their art. Their remarkable talent and unwavering commitment have been duly recognised with Certificates of Recognition received in Categories A and B. These certificates serve as a testament to the exceptional abilities and extraordinary efforts our students have poured into their artistic endeavours.





A Community of Artists: Nurturing Creativity

The SYF Art Exhibition exemplifies our commitment to providing a platform for our young artists to explore their talents. It is a celebration of their dedication, the guidance of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our school community.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our young artists for their exceptional achievements. Their artistic journey has just begun, and we look forward to witnessing their continued growth in the future.



Featuring Past and Present HGPians



Isaiah Christopher Lee The (Artistic) Road Less Travelled

Hello, I'm Isaiah, and my journey began at Hougang Primary School in 2010. From there, I explored the Humanities at Catholic High School (Secondary) and Raffles Institution (Junior College). Eventually, I majored in English Literature and Art History, with a Minor in Modern Languages (German) at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. I graduated with Highest Distinction and received the Lee Kwan Yew Gold Medal (English) and the Koh Boon Hwee Scholars Award, thereby recognising my contributions to teaching, business development and the arts. Today, I wear many hats, working as a drama educator and Associate Artist at inwardBOUND – Transformation through Drama, serving as the Artistic Curator and Stage Director of New Opera Singapore, and founding my design and arts company, The CreativeWerkz. Recently, I became a cultural diplomat between the Republic of Singapore and the Republic of Indonesia, thanks to the Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship 2023 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. My journey in Jakarta studying traditional Indonesian dance and music has solidified my role as a cultural bridge between our two countries.

My journey began at Hougang Primary School, where I joined the English Drama Club's production of Roald Dahl's Cinderella (2009). This experience ignited my passion for the arts, and it continued to flourish as I joined the Catholic High School English Drama Society and Raffles Players. Since then, I have been part of numerous multilingual theatre productions, some of which I initiated and led.

Fond memories of Hougang Primary School revolve around the teachers and opportunities I had there. Mrs. Chia Kwee Eng, my Primary One Form Teacher, instilled discipline and a love for the academics. We've remained in contact, and she remains one of my most important role models. Ms. Ivy Lim, who taught me in Primary Five and Six, exemplified strength, independence, and compassion, inspiring me to become a teacher. Mdm Siew Huay Min, my Higher Mother Tongue teacher, provided unwavering support. The P5 Camp and school theatre productions were unforgettable experiences that exposed me to both the arts and sports, shaping my love for both. This foundation led me to join my university's Outdoor Adventure Club (ODAC) and explore mountains in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.



My time at Hougang Primary School was pivotal in shaping who I am today. Opportunities, from filming for the MOE Educational Technology Department to hosting on stage and organizing events, were offered to me from a young age. My advice to current students is to remain open to possibilities and opportunities, embracing the unfamiliar as a chance to broaden their horizons. The arts scene in Singapore is ever-changing, and we need a new generation of artists and arts practitioners who can think critically, preserve traditions, and revitalize the arts scene through innovation. For those interested in both sciences and digital media, interdisciplinary approaches are on the rise and should be pursued.

My academic journey has focused on languages and the humanities, leading me to study Bahasa Indonesia in secondary school and German and Thai at university. I've actively researched Southeast Asian literature and art history, particularly from Indonesia, believing there is much more to discover in this region. The journey wasn't

easy due to my hectic schedule and demanding subject areas. I urge students never to give up, to build a knowledge repertoire, and to develop a generous and giving heart. Being clever is one thing, but being kind is equally important. Teaching became my way of giving back to society by nurturing the next generation of artists and humanities scholars.

My journey is far from complete. I continue to develop my skills and explore future collaborations. The uncertainty of life makes it an adventure worth living. Wherever the journey takes us, a leap of faith, a small first step, can lead to extraordinary destinations. Be brave, be bold, never give up, and embrace life's unpredictability.

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Nasuha Noradi

Class of 2010

National Hockey Player, SG Athlete

SG Indoor Hockey SEAGames Qualifiers 2017

SEAGames 2017 Indoor Hockey - Malaysia

SEAGames 2023 Indoor Hockey - Cambodia

Hi there!

My name is Nasuha Noradi and I am proud to be an alumni of Hougang Primary School (HGP). It has been 13 years since I graduated from HGP but the school and teachers are still close to my heart.

HGP is where I started my love for sports and has made me the athlete I am today. I represented Singapore in hockey in the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and most recently in the SEA Games 2023 in Cambodia. Through my participation in these high level competitions, I learnt that by embracing the journey as a lifelong endeavor, I can develop a mindset that allows me to face adversity with resilience, to cherish small victories, and to appreciate the beauty and unpredictability of life. I can learn to find meaning and purpose in every step I take, regardless of the results I achieve.



I have always enjoyed PE lessons and often get too competitive with my friends. I started my CCA in Synchronised Rope Skipping, and then moved on to tennis until I graduated from HGP. In secondary school, I took up hockey upon the recommendation of my best friend. She introduced the sport to me, but I was never a fan of it until one day, she convinced me to try and start a hockey team together. From that day onwards, I could never have anticipated what lay in

store for me. With the guidance and support from my loved ones and hard work, I was given the opportunity to start playing for leagues, overseas tournaments and finally to be selected to play in the National Indoor Hockey Women's Team.

Being an athlete seems interesting and 'easy' to some, but it comes with great commitment, courage, responsibility, time management and perseverance. Juggling a full-time career while having to commit to national training sessions at least 3 to 4 times a week has been one of the toughest challenges. Despite how tough and draining it can be, I will always gravitate back to how my journey started from HGP and how it made me where I am today.

To my fellow HGPians, know that education is a lifelong journey. There will be many challenges that you will have to face. At times, you do not get the outcome you wish for, but you can always work hard and do what it takes to earn it with your own capabilities. It is all right to feel uncertain and scared of what is ahead but never take any opportunity for granted as it can turn out to be the start of something great! A reminder to all, "When one door shuts, another one always opens."

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Fun Fact of the HGP Student Development Team



Mr Muhd Aliff Asraf

I firmly believe in the adage, 'If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.' It guides my approach to overcoming life's challenges. That's why I use sticky notes to help me organize the tasks I need to complete. The to-do lists are ranked in order of importance, and there's nothing more satisfying than crossing off completed items. This method ensures that I stay on track and do not overlook crucial tasks.

Beyond planning, I derive joy from building intricate LEGO sets designed for adults. I find that building LEGO sets is akin to the challenges we face in life. Much like planning, constructing intricate LEGO sets involves completing challenges in stages. You start with a pile of individual pieces, much like a to-do list, and methodically assemble them, step by step. It teaches patience, problem-solving, and attention to detail. When the final creation takes shape, there's

an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and satisfaction, much like when you complete a task on your list.

I also enjoy immersing myself in history books, delving into the past and the profound impacts it has had on our world. Just like planning and building with LEGO, history instills a deep appreciation for narratives and offers the satisfaction of gaining insight into our historical heritage.

Whether it's planning, constructing LEGO marvels, or exploring history, I'm here to share my enthusiasm and inspire lifelong pursuits. Let's make our school journey one of learning, creating, and achieving!



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Mdm Susan Ong Yin Chiun

As I reflect on my 15 years of teaching at HGP, I am reminded of the profound joy that comes from connecting with students and witnessing their growth through their formative years. In my classroom, I have always believed in the power of listening. It is a simple yet invaluable tool that allows me to truly understand my students, their aspirations, and their challenges. Guiding them through this crucial phase of their lives has been a privilege I cherish everyday. The satisfaction of seeing them succeed and find happiness in their chosen paths is a reward beyond measure.



One of the most heart-warming aspects of my teaching experience is the enduring connections I have forged with my students. Even after they have moved on to secondary schools, polytechnics, and universities, many of them continue to stay in touch. Some visit me, while others reach out through various means. On some occasions, I have had the pleasure of crossing paths with former students in their workplaces. These moments are a testament to the lasting bonds we have cultivated over the years and the impact of our time together in the classroom.

In a fast-paced, digitally connected world, it is easy to rely solely on social media for updates and communication. However, I have found immense value in maintaining traditional, face-to-face interactions. Reconnecting with family members and friends through personal conversations and gatherings has enriched my life in countless ways. It is my hope that our youth will also discover the significance of these genuine connections and the profound satisfaction they can bring.

Teaching extends far beyond textbooks and lesson plans. It is about nurturing the potential within each student, guiding them towards their dreams, and celebrating their successes as they journey through life. As I continue my teaching career at HGP, I look forward to many more years of inspiring young minds and fostering meaningful connections that span generations. After all, it is in these connections that the true magic of education unfolds.

