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Bringing out the Best in Every Child, Together

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Diversity is the one true thing that we all have in common. Celebrate it every day.

Jim Kwik

Distinction in Diversity

In Term 3, we celebrated Singapore's 59th birthday in school. Our P5 cohort also had the opportunity to attend the National Education (NE) Show to experience this year's National Day Parade first-hand. Beyond the array of show-stopping performances both in school and at the Padang, the celebrations fundamentally reminded us of the collective strength of Singaporeans from all walks of life, coming together to transform Singapore "from an improbable nation" in its founding years to "a shining red dot on the global stage", as mentioned by PM Lawrence Wong in his National Day Message.

To a large extent, Singapore's achievements today can be attributed to our education system, which embraces the varied talents of our students by broadening the definition of merit and expanding the pathways to success. Similarly, we continually strive for distinction in diversity at HGP, by providing our students with a holistic and enriching schooling experience that enables them to discover their interests, develop their strengths and define their dreams in their formative years. In this issue of HGP Heartbeat, we celebrate the efforts and achievements of HGPians across a wide range of areas, ranging from the academic disciplines to sports and performing arts. We also get to find out the hidden talents of some of our staff, showing that we can all be good in our own unique ways!

As our students excel in their respective areas of strength, it is imperative for them to pay it forward. This is why the school continues to design learning beyond the classroom that not only showcase HGPians' diverse talents and interests, but also deepen their sense of social responsibility. I hope you enjoy reading about the rich experiences gained by our Indian Dance students who performed for the Jalan Kayu residents, as well as our Art Club members who guided the seniors at two Active Ageing Centres to create mosaic art pieces. Through their Project Work on Food Waste Management, our P3 and P5 HGPians also strengthened their awareness and understanding of how they can make a positive impact on the environment and future generations of people around the world, through simple but significant sustainability efforts.

Next year marks the diamond jubilee (i.e. 60th birthday) of Singapore and silver jubilee (i.e. 25th birthday) of HGP. Let us continue to celebrate the distinction in diversity of our people that has brought us to where we are and will propel us to where we want to be!

Mr Jason Goh
Principal, Hougang Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Every Child, Together

Our students have truly excelled across a wide range of interests and talents. In sports, their dedication and hard work have earned them impressive victories and achievements, reflecting both their athletic abilities and strong team spirit. Their artistic talents have also flourished, with captivating performances in performing and visual arts that showcase their creativity and passion.

Beyond sports and the arts, our students have distinguished themselves in many other areas, demonstrating both intellectual strength and a commitment to personal development. We remain focused on providing a holistic education that nurtures well-rounded individuals who succeed academically, thrive as athletes, and shine as creative talents. A big congratulations to our students for their exceptional performances and accomplishments!

National School Games 2024

Football:

i. Senior Boys League 4 – 4th Position

ii. Junior Boys League 4 - 2nd position

Hockey:

i. Junior 1 Girls- 2nd Position

ii. Senior Girls – 2nd Position

Volleyball:

i. Junior Boys League 2 – 1st Position

ii. Senior Boys League 1 – 4th Position

iii. Senior Girls League 1 – 2nd Position

Wushu:

i. Senior Boys 5-Duan Nanquan - 7th position (Choo Hao Ting Athan 5A)

ii. Senior Boys 4-Duan Sword - 8th position (Eng Ming Ze Cayden 5B)

iii. Senior Boys 4-Duan Broadsword - 4th position (Harrod Ng Zhen Zhe 5A)

iv. Senior Boys 4-Duan Spear - 5th position (Gong Jia Rui Martin 5E)

Singapore Youth Festival 2024
Arts Presentation

Angklung Ensemble CCA - Certificate of Distinction
Ballet CCA - Certificate of Accomplishment
Brass Band CCA - Certificate of Accomplishment
Chinese Dance CCA - Certificate of Accomplishment
Guzheng Ensemble CCA - Certificate of Distinction
Indian Dance CCA - Certificate of Distinction
Malay Dance CCA - Certificate of Accomplishment

National Primary Schools Sports Climbing Competition

i. Senior Boys Boulder
- 6th Position (Ling Yong Quan 6D)
- 7th Position (Goh En Yi, Lucas 6F)

ii. Senior Boys Speed
- 7th Position (Pranav Harihara Subramanian 6F)

iii. Senior Girls Speed
- 6th Position (Koh Hui Yu, Claire 6E)
- 7th Position (Chan Li Xuan 6F)

iv. Senior Girls Top Rope
- 8th Position (Koh Hui Yu, Claire 6E)

v. Senior Boys Team Award – 2nd Position
vi. Senior Girls Team Award – 2nd Position

Other Notable Achievements

i. Junior Kin-Ball Championship

- Girls Team 2nd Position (FAST Club CCA)
- Boys Team 2nd Position (FAST Club CCA)

ii. 12th SAQ National Schools Artistic Swimming Championships 2024

- 5th Position D Solo Free Routine (Melissa Yao 4A)

iii. 12th Singapore Inter-Schools Diving Championships 2024

- 2nd position - Level 1 Junior Girls 1m Platform (Nuha Abbas 3E)

iv. Raffles Mathematical Olympiad 2024

Certificate of Distinction (Julius Tan Heok Hng 6E)

Certificate of Merit: Koh Hui Yu, Claire (6E), Gareth Ong Shao Quan (6F), Ng Tze Enne (6F)

v. Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools

Bronze Award (Caelan Tan Zi Rui 6F)

vi. Six Trust Cup National Youth Weiqi Championships

Silver (Shen Rui Jie 3B)

vii. The Go Academy Cup National Go Championship

Kyu Certification Category - Silver (Shen Rui Jie 3B)

viii. 75th National Schools Individual Chess Championships 2024

1st Position Girls Under 8 and Girls Under 8 North Zone (Lee Kar Yen Rebekah 2G)

ix. 7th National Text Recital Competition

Bronze: Zhang Xinyi (2B), Toh Yee Keat(3A), Jarius Ong Yu Rui (3B), Shen Rui Jie (3B), Liu Xue Le (6F), Brandon Chua Zhong Ze (6F)

x. National Chinese Creative Reading Competition

Achievement Award (Melissa Yao 4A)

xi. National Mathematical Olympiad (NMOS)

Bronze: Mah Le Enn Keriana (5A), Swee Wee Zhe Jeroz (5A)

Honourable Mention: Neo Soon Heng Ian (5A), Wong Yu Cheng (5A), Gung Lin Xiong (5B), Lim Jia Xun (5B), Tanner Poa Xiang Yu (5B), Heng Yu Zhe (5B)

xii. North Zone Schools (Pri/Sec) Chinese Speech Competition

Commendation Award (Wong Yu Cheng 5A)

xiii. Mythos Junior Orators 2024 Competition
(organised by ACJC Debate and Oratorical Society)

2nd Best Performer: Aishwarya Saravanan (4 Aspiration)

School Celebrations and Community Performances and Exhibition

During our school's celebrations, our CCA groups truly stood out, showcasing the strong kampung spirit and unity for which we are known. Our students came together to put on heartwarming and engaging performances that touched everyone who attended. From energetic dance routines reflecting our rich cultural diversity to musical performances capturing the essence of the occasion, these acts brought life and colour to the entire event.

Our school's commitment to involving the community in our celebrations not only strengthens the bonds among us but also highlights the amazing talent and hard work of our students. These performances are a true reflection of our dedication to celebrating and sharing joy with everyone around us.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to our teachers, parents, and coaches for sacrificing their weekends and giving their all to make this event such a success. Your efforts are deeply appreciated!

Jalan Kayu Day 2024 and Deepavali Open House 2024

Our Indian dance troupe had the distinct honor of performing at two special events this year: the Jalan Kayu Day on 7 July 2024 at Buangkok Square Mall and the Deepavali Open House at the Indian Heritage Centre on 12 October 2024. Both occasions were filled with joy and excitement, as performers and attendees alike embraced the vibrant community spirit. A particularly memorable highlight was the presence of Senior Minister Mr. Lee Hsien Loong at Jalan Kayu Day, making the event even more extraordinary. Our dancers were thrilled to perform for Mr. Lee and the other distinguished guests, and their passion was evident in every step.

They were magnificent on stage, exuding confidence, and unmatched grace. It was truly a memorable experience for our Indian dancers, and they would gladly do it all over again, no less!

Mother Tongue Languages Symposium 2024

Our Malay Dance CCA group had the privilege of performing at the launch of the Mother Tongue Languages Symposium 2024 on 14 September 2024. We were immensely proud to witness their outstanding performance, as they beautifully showcased the elegance and grace of Malay culture through captivating silat movements. It was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the day!

2024 HGP Project Work

Food waste is a significant global and local issue that impacts the environment, economy, and society. The Project Work Committee embarked on a Food Waste Management Project that aims to address the challenges by empathising the problem at hand, brainstorming and drafting solutions to reduce, reuse, and recycle food waste, and crafting artefacts using food waste materials.

Guided by the Design Thinking approach, the P3 and P5 levels were involved in a project study on Food Waste Management. A collaboration with the CCA Eco-Green Club was also established to drive sustainability efforts at the school level. This project is essential for promoting sustainability by providing learning experiences to the students at Hougang Primary School.

The students managed to achieve the primary objectives of the Food Waste Management Project:

1. **Reduction of Food Waste:** Drafting measures to minimise food waste both at school (eg. posters) and at home.
2. **Education and Awareness:** Raising awareness about the impacts of food waste and educating the community on best practices for waste reduction through community outreach.
3. **Recycling/ Upcycling and Reuse:** Designing and applying effective methods for recycling, upcycling and reusing food waste. Examples include compost production (P5), reusing used egg shells (P3) and upcycling drink cartons. (Eco-Green Club CCA)

From left (top): P3 PW Boot Camp, Egg Shells Art(tefacts), P5 Boot Camp, Food Digester 'Activation' by Mr Goh

From left (bottom): P3 PW Boot Camp P5 Poster on 'No to Food Waste', P5 LJ to Our Tampines Hub

PW Committee concluded the 'project' on 17th Aug, Saturday's Community Outreach at N6 Marquee (AMK-Hougang EcoArts Fest). Our students were honoured to interact with the community and shared our learning with the visitors. We look forward to work with our partners to promote sustainability for the betterment of our society!

Racial Harmony Day 2024

Continuing with the theme of "Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic," the school celebrated Racial Harmony Day on 18 July, emphasizing the rich diversity that forms the foundation of our multicultural society. Students' learning experiences on racial harmony are crucial for fostering inclusivity and respect within schools through intentional efforts and activities that promote understanding and empathy among diverse groups.

Activities such as traditional game booths (e.g. henna drawing, five stones, and rubber band rope jumping) and a drama performance related to racial harmony were designed to evoke the "Kampung" spirit, fostering a sense of community. Through these activities, students learn to play together regardless of their backgrounds, developing empathy for others' experiences and perspectives. This, in turn, enhances students' connection to the school, making them feel valued and included.

Racial Harmony Day at Hougang Primary School is not merely a commemoration but a commitment to building a caring and inclusive school environment. On this special day, teachers and students reaffirm their dedication to creating a future where racial harmony remains a cornerstone of our national identity.

Art Club visit to the Active Aging Centres

The Art Club members recently visited two Active Aging Centres, where they spent quality time with senior citizens. This visit offered the students a unique opportunity to connect with the elderly community, fostering intergenerational bonds. The students guided the seniors in creating beautiful mosaic art pieces, demonstrating patience and creativity throughout the process.

This experience was enriching for the students, who displayed remarkable empathy and kindness. By engaging with the senior citizens, they gained a deeper appreciation for giving back to the community and the joy that art can bring to people of all ages. The visit left both the students and seniors with lasting memories, underscoring the importance of compassion and collaboration.

Featuring Past and Present HGPians

Fun Fact of the Executive and Administrative Staff

Mr Bernard Chua

Operation Manager

I have always been an active person for as long as I can remember. I would probably be placed at the highest stage of ADHD if we had that in the 70s and 80s. I would always be playing in the huge monsoon drains, climbing trees, playing marbles & kites and hide-and-seek during my growing up years in the Paya Lebar area. Sports became a major part of my life when I was 10 years old. I got involved in track sprinting, table tennis, chess, squash, and eventually discovered my biggest passion: cycling

I enlisted in the Army at 18, and without an 'O' Level, I decided to make the military my career. It was a great adventure lasting just 17 years. Working in the army was the best job ever in my opinion. It offered a perfect mix of being in the field and in the office. I had the chance to command (leadership), to teach (as a trainer) and to be involved in various operational roles. As aging and injuries have become part of my

life, I have slowed down in many of my more vigorous activities. Now, my life revolves round my wonderful family and my fulfilling work at Hougang Primary School. One of my greatest joys in recent years has been my son's incredible achievement in the world of Rubik's Cube. Last year, he broke the World Record and was crowned World Champion in the Megaminx event.

Your OM,
Bernard Chua

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Fun Fact of the Executive and Administrative Staff

Mr Muhammad Nuriman

ICT Manager

Hi everyone! I am Mr Iman, HGP's ICT Manager. You may have seen me around school, working with the laptops and anything related to ICT. Besides ICT, I'd like to share a bit more about myself and my other interests. Apart from my family, which is of the utmost importance to me (and I hope yours is too), there are 3 things that top my list of interests!

Photography

Everyone loves beauty, right? From capturing the beauty in everyday moments to posting them in our social media platforms, photography allows us to see and appreciate the world in new ways. My photography journey began with a simple camera at the age of 8 when I first got my disposable Kodak camera as a gift from my father, and this passion quickly grew into a profound love for the art over the years. Whether it's capturing the serene landscapes at dawn or the vibrant energy of city life, there are always compelling stories to tell through photography. There was a time in my life when I carried a camera or two with me everywhere, long before camera phones existed. If you have an interest in photography and would like to pursue that interest, my advice is to Google the principles of design in photography and most importantly, don't stop taking photos!

Football

When I'm not behind the lens, I'm an avid football enthusiast. My love for the game began even before I started primary school, and it has only grown since then. The thrill of the match, the strategy behind each play and the camaraderie among fans and players keep my passion for football alive. Whether it's a club match or an international tournament, I'm always ready to cheer for my favourite teams and players.

Travel

Travelling is a common love for many people-who doesn't love the idea of a holiday, right? Well luckily for me, my love for travel complements my passion for photography perfectly.

Exploring new places allows me to capture diverse cultures, stunning landscapes, and unique moments. From the bustling streets of major cities to the tranquil beauty of remote destinations, travel provides endless inspiration and a remedy for the soul. I believe that travelling broadens the mind and enriches the soul, as every journey brings home something that money cannot buy: experience!

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Special Mention to Our Current HGPian

AV Crew

Three students from Primary 6 Aspiration, Wang Qilong, Sitoh Shelken and Muhammad Syaqil Bin Muhammad Hisham, who are the Hall Audio-visual (AV) student crew members, have been assisting the AV Team teacher-in-charge, Mr Sahernizam, in setting up and managing the audio-visual equipment whenever there is an assembly programme in the school hall. Their duties include laying cables and setting up microphone tripods on the stage, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. When the assembly programme ends, their promptness in packing up the microphones and cables further demonstrate their commitment and responsibility. The school greatly appreciates their hard work and teamwork, which play a crucial role in creating a successful assembly experience for all staff and students.