



Parents Connect

Touching Hearts, Engaging Minds

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Dear Parents,

2015 promises to be another year of enriching learning experiences for our pupils. Building on the strong foundation that has been laid in the past 20 years, the school will continue to strive towards widening your child's scope of learning and enhancing his/her learning experiences, both in and out of the classrooms. In Juying Primary School, we are committed to nurturing holistic and morally upright individuals and supporting our pupils in pursuing excellence and preparing them for the future ahead.

I look forward to your continued support in working together for the good of our pupils.

Mrs Sroya Jaswant
Principal



ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations and Celebrations!

1	Two teams from the Robotics Club, Jedi White (Elvis Yong Zi Jian (6A) and Chua Ming Yee (6A)) and Jedi Silver (Ng Jia Le (4A) and Wang Jingyu (6A)) took part in <i>CoSpace Rescue Challenge 2015</i> on 28 Feb 15 and made it to the Top 8. Team Jedi Silver went on to win the Judges Award.
2	Basketball West Zone Championship – Junior and Senior Girls 5 th place
3	Football West Zone Competition – Senior Boys Top 8
4	National Story Challenge Competition – Two teams of four storytellers and two individual storytellers participated in the competition held in River Valley High on 28 Feb 15. One of the teams (Johnson Claire Lynette Christine (4A), Mya Eaindray Hmu (4A), Arnie Armaliney (4B) and Jermaine Khoo (4C)) got into the Semi Finals.
5	School Digital Media Awards (SDMA) 2015 competition: Video Category – Merit

TERM 1 COMPLETED EVENTS



School Digital Media Awards (SDMA) 2015 competition

Congratulations to our Infocomm Club which clinched the Merit award in the SDMA 2015 competition with their entry "A place I call home". The video features the different pillars of Singapore: Education and Youths, Culture and Community, Economic and International, Environment and Infrastructure that make Singapore our home. Congratulations, Saito Yuta (6D), Rahul Pradhan (6B), Toh Ling Yen (5A), Chong Shu Yi (5B), Ei Zi Luo (5B), Bryan Ow (6D), Shamira (6D) Goh Jia Yi (5A)!

The winning entry can be viewed at http://sdma.moe.edu.sg/cos/o.x?ptid=588&c=/sdma/sdma_gal&func=view&rid=3590

The Bridging Reading Programme for P1

Initiated by the Learning Support Coordinators, the Bridging Reading Programme provides in-class support to help struggling readers who have not yet acquired literacy skills or knowledge expected at their age. The pupils were taught some phonic skills and were engaged in big book reading in Term 1.

What a Wonderful Read

Understanding the key characteristics of the various fiction genres is crucial in expanding one's reading diet. Through worksheets and exciting activities, the Primary 3 pupils learnt about the different types of book genres. Genres featured include science fiction, fantasy and realistic fiction. One of the key highlights includes pupils creating their own genre action figures.

Improving Confidence and Achievement in Numeracy (ICAN)

The Math Department partners the Curriculum Planning and Development Division from MOE HQ in the Improving Confidence and Achievement in Numeracy (ICAN) project. The ICAN programme took flight in January and is targeted at improving the confidence and achievement of low progress learners in Mathematics. Equipped with the ICAN strategies, our Math teachers use the strategies with identified P3 and P5 pupils. The school plans to extend ICAN to the other levels in time to come.

10'CMT

The Mother Tongue Language Department embarked on an ICT based Pedagogy Design project, 10'CMT, for all P2 pupils and P1 Tamil pupils. 10'CMT leverages on technology to promote pupils' interest in the Mother Tongue Languages and to improve their reading and writing skills in an interactive environment. 10'CMT also adopts a student-centred model to facilitate independent and differentiated learning. Conducted three times per week, our pupils

enjoy the one-to-one access to online computing in the learning of their Mother Tongue languages.

Environmental Education: Paper Recycling Initiative

As part of the school's efforts to drive green messages and inculcate green habits in pupils, the paper recycling initiative has been enhanced as part of Juying's Environmental Education efforts. For every 3 kg of papers recycled, pupils will receive a \$1 token for the class. An accumulation of 60 kg of papers recycled or \$20 worth of token received would symbolise a tree being saved and not cut down to make paper.

Asklearn Parents' Portal

The Asklearn Parents' portal was officially launched in Jan to further strengthen home-school partnership through the use of technology. With the portal, parents can now view the archive of school circulars, receive timely reminders, view key school event dates and submit school vacation travel plans declaration. Later in the year, parents will be guided to make appointments to meet your child's teacher for Parent-Teacher Meet. Hurry, sign up for the Parents' Portal if you have not done so!

Pupil Leadership Development Programme

The school carried out the Pupil Leadership Development Programme known as L.E.A.D – Leadership, Excellence, Action and Dedication, to equip our Primary 3 pupils with knowledge and skills to lead themselves to be self-directed learners and confident pupils. The pupils were engaged in thought-provoking discussions, stimulating activities and realistic practices. The pupils have acquired skills that would make them confident leaders, excellent and effective communicators, analytical thinkers and problem-solvers with accurate social judgment skills.

SG50 in Music

In line with SG50 celebrations, our Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils learn songs from Singapore and dances from various cultural groups during their music lessons. Through this, they have a better understanding of racial harmony and appreciate the role of music in society.

"We Will Dance 2015" Dance Marathon (17 Jan 15)

On Saturday, 17 Jan 15, our Hip Hop CCA pupils known as Juying Radicalz participated in 'We Will Dance 2015' performance at Hong Lim Park organised by NUS University Scholars Programme. 'We Will Dance' was a dance marathon that aimed to raise funds for charitable institutions in education by promoting dance as fun and meaningful. Juying Radicalz rendered its support as the youngest guest performers during the event and danced their way to support every child's right to education.

Opening Ceremony of Upgraded Nanyang CC cum Launch of SG50@Nanyang (18 Jan 15)

To commemorate and celebrate the successful completion of the upgrading Nanyang CC, our Art Club members contributed three big art pieces for the Art50. Our Prime Minister, who was the GOH for the event, caught sight of our pupils in action, and stopped by to affirm the pupils' effort and added the finishing touch, much to the delight of our pupils.

Learning Journey to Chinatown for P5 (3 Feb 15)

The P5 pupils embarked on a heritage trail to Chinatown to learn more about the Chinese culture, cuisine and religion on 3 Feb 15. They visited various places of interest, experienced the Chinese culture and observed the preparations for Chinese New Year. The trail enabled our pupils understand the rich heritage behind buildings and places, immigrant life in the past and trades in Chinatown in the past and the present.

PSG Welcome Breakfast Meeting (7 Feb 15)

This year, more than 50 parents signed up to be members of our school's Parent Support Group (PSG). On 7 Feb 15, the PSG EXecutive COmmittee (EXCO) conducted its first meeting of the year with its members. More than 30 parents turned up and showed their enthusiasm to volunteer their time to support school events and programmes. Vice-Principal, Mrs Low, gave the opening remarks and shared the importance of school-home partnership. The PSG Chair, Mdm Chan Shi Ki, provided members with the list of school events for which parents could render their help. If you are keen to be part of the PSG family, please email jyppsq@gmail.com.

Total Defence Day (9 Feb 15)

Total Defence Day (TDD) was commemorated on 13 Feb 15. The week-long activities leading up to the commemoration were kicked off by a TDD Assembly Programme presented by two P5 CCE Champions, Thaw Thaw Hein (5A) and Thant Yee Mon Htet (5A), on 9 Feb 15. This was followed by classroom activities during Social Studies lesson as well as a Total Defence Day Recycling Competition and recess activities on Friday itself. Through these activities, the pupils learnt that they play a part in contributing to Total Defence.

Chinese New Year Celebrations (18 Feb 15)

It was an exciting occasion for our pupils as they celebrated the joy of the Lunar New Year. Pupils learnt about the Chinese culture and the origin of the reversed “福” (Happiness). Enthusiastic PSG members volunteered to set up cultural booths during recess and pupils enjoyed the wide range of activities. The highlights of the celebration included the goat mascots parade by students who creatively used recyclable materials to design the wearable art, and an entertaining lion dance performance!

Prefects Investiture (23 Feb 15)

After a rigorous selection process, 90 pupils have been officially appointed as prefects. Members of the Prefectorial Board will be able to hone their leadership skills through multiple platforms such as enhancing the well-being of their fellow schoolmates, planning of school events and as ambassadors of the school during school celebrations and activities. Through the various opportunities, the prefects will cultivate important life skills that will prepare them for the challenges of the 21st Century and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2 – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

CCA Competitions

Table-Tennis CCA Junior and Senior boys will be participating in the West Zone Primary Schools Table-Tennis Championship 2015 in Term 2. Taekwondo CCA pupils will also be taking part in the National Primary Schools Taekwondo Championships 2015 in April. We wish both CCA groups success in the competitions.

Environmental Immersion Programme to Bali (17 to 20 Mar 15)

In line with the school's emphasis on Environmental Education, 21 selected pupils from Primary 4 and 5 will embark on an exciting Environmental Immersion Programme to Bali from 17 to 20 Mar 15. The trip aims to immerse our pupils in the eco-friendly way of life at the world-renowned Green School and Green Camp, develop their confidence and self-esteem in environmental stewardship through conservation and sustainable practices, as well as to instil in pupils' an understanding of the value and appreciation of the scarcity of resources and to shape their attitudes of caring for environment. Pupils will make use of the skillsets and knowledge gained from the trip to spearhead various Environmental Education projects in school upon their return from the trip.

2015 “Char Yong Cup” Xiangqi Championships (18 & 21 Mar 15)

Our pupils will be participating in the coming 20th “Char Yong Cup” Students Xiangqi Championships on 18 Mar 15 and 21 Mar 15. Together with the Singapore Xiangqi General Association, the school will host the North and West Zone Preliminaries. We wish our pupils success for the competition!

World Water Day & Earth Hour

World Water Day (21 Mar 15) and Earth Hour (28 Mar 15) are global green events that will be commemorated by JYPS. There will be an assembly talk and recess activities to drive home the message of the importance in conserving water and energy in their daily activities. Pupils can also visit the following websites for more information on exciting events and competitions.

<http://www.singaporeworldwaterday.com/>

<http://earthhour.wwf.sg/yourpower/>

P3 Zoo Camp (1 & 2 Apr)

The P3 Zoo Camp will set the stage for experiential learning in which pupils will learn about the diversity of living things, plight of endangered animals and importance of conservation of the environment. Pupils' self-confidence and self-esteem will also be developed through the leadership roles and teambuilding activities during the course of the camp. To consolidate and reinforce learning, pupils will work collaboratively on their Environmental Integration Programme (EIP) project.

International Friendship Day (6 Apr 15)

International Friendship Day will be commemorated on 6 Apr 15. Pupils will learn to appreciate and celebrate the diversity of the different nationalities, cultures and religions amidst us.

P1 Integrated Learning Journey (16 Apr 15)

As part of the holistic development of our pupils, the P1 pupils will be going on an Integrated LJ to RWS S.E.A. Aquarium on 16 Apr 15. Not only will our pupils be awed by the diversity of sea creatures, they will also learn the importance of conservation of the environment in authentic learning situations.

Parent Outreach Seminar (18 Apr 15)

The school will partner MOE HQ and 4 other primary schools to co-organise a Parent Outreach Seminar on 18 Apr 15 from 9am to 12.30pm. This seminar invites parents with primary school-going kids to know more about Primary School Education and Primary 1 registration processes. This is also a great platform for parents to learn more about JYPS' programmes for her pupils. Do invite your friends and relatives to attend the seminar with their K2 children! For more information on the seminar, please feel free to call the school's General Office for more details.

P4 Camp at Dairy Farm (23 to 25 Apr 15)

P4 pupils will be treated to a camping experience at Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. Pupils will enhance their sense of adventure, curiosity and comfort level with the outdoors. They will forge camaraderie and develop resilience through common challenging outdoor experience, and exercise critical and creative thinking. Pupils will also develop leadership skills such as effective communication, responsible decision-making and working in a team. Our P4 pupils are looking forward to the highlights of the camp which include challenge rope courses, abseiling, rock wall, guided nature walk and campfire!

Sports Carnival (30 Apr 15)

Juying Primary School will hold the Annual Sports Carnival on 30 Apr 15. The aim of this carnival is to promote the importance of sports participation and regular exercise as part of adopting a healthy lifestyle. The event promises to drive home the message in a fun and meaningful way.

P4 Learning Journey (26 May 15)

On 26 May, the P4 pupils will be embarking on a LJ to Images of Singapore and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in Sentosa to uncover our nation's extraordinary story from a fishing village to 21st Century powerhouse and to appreciate the achievements of the iconic figures of Singapore.

OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Parents Workshops on Academic Areas

The school is pleased to present a series of workshops on academic areas for parents on 28 March and 11 April. Conducted by our school's Heads of Department and experienced teachers, these workshops aim to share practical tips on how parents can support their children's learning in English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue at home. A letter with more information will be sent to you soon.

Family Matters @ School

Parents are encouraged to attend the following event on family matters. Please contact Mdm Azizah by email: jyps_fms@gmail.com to sign up for the event. Registration closes on 9 Mar.

Friday 13 Mar 15	5.30pm – 8.00pm	Family Movie Night Featuring 'Big Hero 6' to exemplify instances of family values
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Receiving Parents Connect through email

We are consistently updating our mailing list. A soft copy of the *Parents Connect* will be emailed to parents who are in our mailing list. *Parents Connect* is also available on the school website and Parents' Portal.

Juying Celebrates SG50!

Pupils and staff are involved in SG50 activities which had commenced in Jan and will culminate on 7 Aug 15 with National Day celebration. [SGTrail@Juying Primary](mailto:SGTrail@JuyingPrimary) will be launched in Apr 15 and parents are welcome to make your bookings at SG50 website. Look out for the many more exciting upcoming SG50 events!



IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 2 2015

Important

Dates	Activities
17 - 20 Mar	Environmental Immersion Programme to Bali
18 & 21 Mar	"Char Yong Cup" Xiangqi Championships
23 Mar	World Water Day & Earth Hour Programme
1 - 2 Apr	P3 Camp @ Zoo
3 Apr	Good Friday - Public Holiday
6 Apr	Commemoration of International Friendship Day
8 Apr	P4 NAPFA Test
23 - 25 Apr	P4 Camp at Dairy Farm
16 Apr	P1 Integrated LJ to RWS S.E.A Aquarium
18 Apr	Parent Outreach Seminar
22 Apr	P6 NAPFA Test
27 - 28 Apr	SA1- EL/MT Oral
30 Apr	Sports Carnival
1 May	Labour Day - Public Holiday
7 May	SA1 - EL Paper 1 & LC
8 May	SA1 - MT Paper 1 & LC
11 May	SA1 - HMT Paper 1 & 2
13 May	SA1 - EL Paper 2
14 May	SA1 - Math
15 May	SA1 - MT Paper 2
18 May	SA1 - Science
21 - 22, 25 - 26 May	P5 Sexuality Education Programme
25 May	Juying Got Talent
26 May	P4 LJ to Madam Tussauds Museum
27 May	Meet-the-Parents' Session #2
28 - 30 May	Malacca Immersion Programme for P5 pupils
1 Jun	Vesak Day - Public Holiday
2 - 4 Jun	P6 Supplementary Lessons



SG50 in Music. P2 and P3 pupils learning Indian and Chinese dances in their music lessons

PHOTOS GALLERY



Juying Radicalz at "We Will Dance 2015" Dance Marathon



Art50 Event at Nanyang CC Opening Ceremony



Chinese New Year Celebrations. Recess activities