



Parents Connect

Touching Hearts, Engaging Minds

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Dear Parents,

In Juying Primary, we are very keen to provide our students with the opportunities they need to develop a **Growth Mindset** during the critical and formative period of their lives. Backed by more than thirty years of scientific investigation, Prof Carol Dweck's findings reveal how parents and teachers can help foster this positive development in children and help them be successful. I would like to share with you this invaluable research article (link as shown below) on the secret to raising smart kids, and invite you to partner the school in cultivating the growth mindset in our charges so that they will be inspired to always put in their best effort, embrace challenges and never give up!

Let's start the year right with the right mindset and poise our children for success!

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-secret-to-raising-smart-kids/>

Mrs Sroya Jaswant
Principal



ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations and Celebrations!

SG50 Chua Chu Kang Cup Primary School Chinese Chess Tournament

On 22 Nov 15, our Chess Club participated in the SG50 Chua Chu Kang Cup Primary School Chinese Chess Tournament at the Chua Chu Kang Community Centre, graced by Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong. After competing 10 swiss-rounds against more than 100 participants, our U12 and U10 participants managed to clinch awards as follows:

U12 Category

- Ethan Widjaja, 6A - 1st runner-up
- Charles Bryan Lim, 6A – 8th position
- Liang Yu Ze, 6C – 9th position
- Kee Si Lin, 5B – 11th position
- Ewan Widjaja, 5A – 14th position

U10 Category

- Li Zhe, 4D – 17th position
- Raedan Chua Rui Kai, 4A – 19th position

RoboCup Junior CoSpace Pei Hwa Challenge 2016

Our Robotics pupils participated in the above challenge on 5 Mar 16. Jedi Gold was awarded the Judges' Award out of 120 primary school participants. Congrats, Aditya Rajesh Menon Jia Qin, 6E (Team Leader), Marco Kok, 6E, Choong Er Pink, 5E & Chin Jing Long, 5E!

National Pencak Silat Championship 2016

Nadrah Binte Sahrin, 6C participated in the Singapore Silat Federation, 40th National Pencak Silat 2016 held on 27 Feb - 6 Mar at the Pasir Ris Sports Hall with Silat Seni Grasio, and walked away with the following medals:

- 1 Silver Medal - Pre-Teens Artistic Double Female
- 1 Gold Medal - Pre-Teens Artistic Team Female
- 1 Gold Medal - Pre-Teens Class E Female Category

Sembcorp Marine's Greenwave Environmental Care Project Competition 2015

Our project submission "Photo-luminescent Plastic Bottle Craft" was awarded the 3rd Prize of \$1000 in Sembcorp Marine's Greenwave Environmental Care Project Competition. Our proud pupils received their award from the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Masagos Zulkifli at the Award Presentation at Marina Mandarin Hotel on 26 Mar 16.



Green Schools @ SWCDC 2015

Juying Primary School was presented with a Gold Award for our participation in Green Schools @ South West 2015 on 17 Mar 16 at the Singapore Science Centre.



TERM 1 COMPLETED EVENTS

Extensive Reading Programme (ERP) for P1 & P2

Recognising the importance of inculcating the habit for reading in our pupils, the ERP aims to help our pupils achieve reading fluency and create enjoyment in the reading process. Our P1 and P2 pupils are engaged in 30 minutes of uninterrupted reading twice a week. Our Parent Volunteers provide excellent in-class support. If you are interested in joining us, do contact our friendly PSG Reading Coordinator at maywgk@gmail.com

The Bridging Programme for P1

Conducted by our Learning Support Coordinator, the Bridging Programme hopes to help struggling P1 readers gain literacy competence. The pupils were taught phonic skills and were engaged in big book reading. The Bridging Programme was conducted half an hour daily for a total of 8 lessons in Term 1.

Reading Picnic @ Valentine's

To encourage our pupils enjoy the simple pleasure of reading, our PSG Reading Coordinator, Ms May Wong, together with a dedicated group of parent volunteers, organised our inaugural Reading Picnic @ Valentine's during recess. Our pupils enjoyed reading on picnic mats and snacking on picnic food with their friends.

Mathematics Interactive Kitchen

At the Mathematics Interactive Kitchen, students learn through play. The interactive activities, designed by our Mathematics teachers, were intentional in encouraging practical and hands-on exploration. Through play, our students are exposed to new Mathematical concepts and extend their existing skills, knowledge and understanding. Activities include interactive wall activities, self-directed floor games, regular Math challenges and DIY Math games.

Koobits ProblemSums

Based on positive feedback, our school continues with our subscription of Koobits ProblemSums, an online Mathematics learning portal, for all Primary 3 to 6 pupils. The portal complements our school's Mathematics learning and promotes self-directed learning in our students. It has a rich repository of Mathematics problems, ranging from mechanical sums to Mathematic Olympiad problems. The mechanical sums consolidate the conceptual understanding of Mathematical concepts taught in class, while the brain-drain questions serve to stretch our high-ability learners. Encourage your child in the use of this learning portal to advance his/her Mathematics learning today!

Mathematics Olympiad

Selected pupils from P4 to P6 were invited to attend the Math Olympiad training course. The course aims to stretch the pupils in the learning of advanced Math. The pupils will also hone their problem solving and critical thinking skills during the course. These pupils are encouraged to participate in national Math Olympiad competitions.

10'CMT for P3

The Mother Tongue Language Department continues with the ICT-based Pedagogy Design project, 10'CMT, for all P3 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 twice per week, our pupils enjoy the one-to-one access to online computing in the learning of their Mother Tongue languages.

Environmental Integrated Project Work (EIP) Programme

The six year EIP programme is a *hands-on* and *minds-on* approach in helping our students knowing *about* the environment, *for* the environment, and *in* the environment. In line with MOE's call to scale and simplify, the school leverages on the Integrated Project Work (IPW) platform to strengthen the integration of various subjects/disciplines with environmental inquiry as the enduring thrust while existing learning journeys and immersion trips were made key features in EIP in providing experiential learning. The school has been selected to share this innovative approach to learning at national platforms such as Teacher Conference 2016 and the National Project Work Seminar.

Paper Recycling Initiative

As part of the school's efforts to drive green messages and inculcate green habits in pupils, the school continues to promote pupils participation in the paper recycling initiative. For classes that have recycled the most amount of papers in their respective level, they will receive a succulent plant kit for pupils to tend to and nurture in their own classroom.

Class Leaders Training

The Class Leader Trainings were conducted on 20 and 27 Jan for P3 to P6 pupils who were appointed as leaders. The aim of the training was to equip our student leaders with core leadership skills necessary to carry out their roles and responsibilities. Through the discussion of case scenarios, pupils were able to draw valuable lessons that would better prepare them to handle the challenges of their leadership roles.

Project 'I Can Shine'

A customised curriculum especially for the P1 and P2 pupils, Project "I Can Shine" is a series of lessons which aims to equip the pupils with life skills that are necessary for their holistic development. The programme helps our pupils develop positive attitudes, social skills

and etiquette, and acquired life skills such as self-care, meal preparation, table manners and basic cleaning.

Experiential LJ to Little India for P1 to P3 TL pupils (13 Jan)

With great excitement, the P1 to P3 TL pupils went on an experiential LJ to Little India during the Harvest Festival. The LJ was an eye-opener for many pupils as they learnt of the works of a farmer, and the various trades and way of life in the past at Indian Heritage Centre. It was indeed a fruitful and meaningful journey for all pupils.

Arts in Education (1 Feb)

Aligned to the music curriculum where P5 and P6 pupils learn to play ukulele, the school invited a group of professional musicians to perform beautiful Hawaiian music using ukuleles and some other Hawaiian instruments to motivate and inspire our pupils in learning of the instrument.

LJ to Chinatown for P5 (2 Feb 16)

The P5 pupils had their first LJ of the year to Chinatown on 2 Feb. The rich history of the heritage sites enlightened our pupils of the Chinese culture and helped them to better appreciate the contribution of our Chinese forefathers to the community. The pupils were also thrilled with their first-hand experience in face painting. The excursion allowed our pupils to understand the rich heritage behind buildings and places, immigrant life in the past and trades in Chinatown in the past and the present.

Chinese New Year Celebrations (5 Feb)

It was an exciting occasion for our multi-racial pupils as they shared the joy of the Lunar New Year with the Chinese pupils. Pupils learnt about the Chinese culture and Chinese zodiac. Enthusiastic members of the Parents Support Group volunteered to set up cultural booths during recess and pupils enjoyed the fun and colourful activities. The highlight of the celebration was the Fashion Show and Mass dance followed by an entertaining lion dance performance!

Total Defence Day (9 Feb)

Total Defence Day in our school was a week-long commemoration. It started with our pupils reflecting on the challenges of the past, and learning about the five pillars of total defence. The entertaining assembly skit on the story of Radin Mas was a hit with the pupils. The most memorable would be the food and water rationing exercises where only sweet potato and tapioca were served during recess, and only two taps in the canteen were made available among the many to allow pupils to experience the scarcity of food and water. After the suite of exciting activities, the post reflection revealed that pupils gained a better understanding of the challenges faced in the past and realise the importance of unity and resilience towards Total Defence.

Prefects Investiture (29 Feb)

After a rigorous selection process, successful pupils were officially appointed as prefects. Members of the Prefectorial Board are able to stretch their leadership potential through multiple platforms such as enhancing the well-being of their fellow schoolmates, planning of school events and being ambassadors of the school during major school celebrations. The prefects will be led by Head Prefect, Mandy Tan (6A), and Assistant Head Prefects, Thaw Thaw Hein (6A), Claire Johnson (5A) & Tan Yin Chi (5B).

MT Fortnight (29 Feb to 11 Mar)

Meaningful and enjoyable experiences, such as visit to Little India, Angklung and Kompang appreciation, Mock Up Market, Dough Modelling, Chinese Knots, Mini Kites and Paper Lanterns making and many traditional games and competitions, were conducted to allow pupils experience the rich Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures. Pupils were also engaged in active learning of the various language skills through creative and fun ways.

P5 Cultural Immersion Programme to Malacca (2 to 4 Mar & 9 to 11 Mar)

To broaden the experiences of our pupils, the P5 travelled across the Causeway into Malacca, Malaysia. The trip allowed our pupils to partake in traditional activities at Kampung Parit Penghulu and visit the plantations where they learned how palm, rice and rubber are cultivated. They also visited the Cheng Ho Museum, Maritime Museum, Chitty Melaka Village, Baba Nyonya (Peranakan) Museum and historical sites in Malacca where they learned about the cultural influences in Malacca. Our pupils also had opportunity to visit a local school where they mingled with their peers and shared each another's culture and practices. This overseas experience allowed our pupils to appreciate and understand Malaysian culture, architecture, agriculture, customs, traditions and the hospitality of their people.

Meet-The-Parents Session #1 (23 & 25 Jan)

The MTPS #1 was carried out on 23 Jan for the P5 and P6 levels and 25 Jan for the P1 to P4 levels respectively. Parents were brought through key information of the school curriculum and expectations so that the school and parent can collaborate towards an effective, student-centred education. Many parents gave feedback that the session was useful and was a good start to the year providing clarity for parents.

PSG Welcome Tea (20 Feb)

On 20 Feb 16, the Parent Support Group EXecutive COmmittee (PSG EXCO) conducted its first meeting of the year with its members. 38 Parent Volunteers turned up and had a meaningful time bonding with other like-minded parents who were keen to volunteer their time to support school events and programmes. Chairwoman of the school's PSG, Mdm Kym, shared with the members the list of school events

for which parents could render their support. If you are keen to be part of the PSG family, you are most welcome to email to the PSG at jjppspg@gmail.com



Parents Workshop on Academic Areas (27 Feb & 5 Mar)

The series of Parents Workshop on different subject areas was successfully carried out on 27 Feb and 5 Mar by our experienced teachers in partnering parents to support their children in academic areas. Parents were brought through various strategies in the teaching of different subjects so that they could render better home support to their children. Feedback from the parents was positive with many requesting for more workshops.

Asknlearn Parents' Portal

The school has been leveraging on the Asknlearn Parent's Portal to further strengthen home-school partnership and improve communication with parents since last year. With the portal, parents can view past school circulars, receive important announcements and submit school vacation travel plan declaration. Parents can also make appointment through the portal to meet your child's teacher for the Meet-The-Parent Session. Hurry, sign up for the Parents' Portal if you have not done so!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2 – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming Competitions

The Big Spell

20 of our students will be taking part in the RHB-The Straits Times National Spelling Championship 2016. This competition aims to develop a greater appreciation of the importance of spelling in literacy development among Primary 4, 5 and 6 pupils in Singapore.

The 14th World Children's Haiku Contest

Close to 100 haiku poems were submitted by our P3-6 pupils.

SOTA Creative Writing Competition 2016

Good writers were invited to submit their essays.

National Mathematics Olympiad Competitions 2016

- 1) Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest 2016 will be conducted on 29 Mar.
- 2) Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS) Competition 2016 will be conducted on 9 Apr.

National Science Olympiad Competitions 2016

- 1) Raffles Institution Primary Science Olympiad 2016 will be conducted on 16 Apr.
- 2) Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2016 will be conducted on 9 Jul.

Inter School Malay Scrabble National Competition

4 of our Malay pupils will be taking part in the competition on 23 Apr.

“Char Yong Cup” Students Xiangqi Championships

Our Chess CCA pupils will be participating in the coming 21st “Char Yong Cup” Students Xiangqi Championships on 12 and 19 Mar.

National School Games Taekwondo Championships 2016

Our Taekwondo CCA pupils will show off their martial arts skills in the National School Games Taekwondo Championships 2016 on 12-15 Apr.

Singapore Youth Festival 2016 Arts Presentation

Choir, Chinese Dance, Malay Dance and Hip Hop CCA groups will get a chance to showcase their talents once again in the SYF 2016 taking place in the month of Apr.

IDA Lab on Wheels (23 & 24 Mar)

Our P4 to 6 pupils will board the IDA Lab on Wheels Bus and try their hands on a range of fun and exciting activities aimed at sparking their interest in technology. They can look forward to learn how to code simple games, have fun with 3D designs, fly their own drone and program robots to perform simple commands.

Games and Health Carnival (24 Mar)

The school will hold the Annual Games and Health Carnival on 24 Mar. It will be a day of fun and learning for the pupils as they spend the day learning about sport, games and healthy living.

Commemoration of World Water Day & Earth Hour (28 Mar)

To engage pupils and raise awareness of environmental issues happening around the world such as climate change and global warming, an assembly programme will be carried out to commemorate World Water Day and Earth Hour on 28 Mar. This year, there will be a special Energy Heroes Mobile Exhibition Unit set up in the school compound and classes will be scheduled to visit the exhibition. Through this highly engaging and fun programme, we hope to encourage pupils to practise good energy efficiency habits and involve them in efforts to enhance and promote efficient use of energy in Singapore starting from their homes.

P5 Aquaponics Enrichment Programme (30 Mar onwards)

In line with our school's niche in Environmental Education, and aligned to the Primary Science syllabus, our P5 pupils will gain insights on how plants and animals correlate in an ecosystem through the Aquaponics Enrichment Programme, commencing on 30 Mar. Equipped with an Aquaponics kit, pupils are able to grow their own Kang Kong vegetable, fertilised by the waste from the tilapia fish. This programme encourages our pupils to be environmentally conscious in creating a sustainable living environment and taking responsibility of the environment.

P4 and P6 National Physical Fitness Award Test (5 Apr)

All P4 & P6 pupils, with exception of those exempted on medical grounds, will participate in the NAPFA Test. The NAPFA Test involves a series of 5 stations which our pupils have to complete on the same day and a 1.6km walk-run that will be attempted within a 2-week window period. The 5 stations are standing broad jump, sit and reach, inclined pull ups, sit ups and shuttle run.

World Art Music Week (4 to 8 Apr)

To develop pupils' global awareness, the Arts Department presents World Art Music Week where pupils will get to appreciate other cultures around the world by making artworks and singing songs from different cultures.

International Friendship Day (11 Apr)

International Friendship Day will be commemorated on 11 Apr. Pupils will learn to appreciate cultural diversity and nurture a willingness to embrace others from diverse backgrounds.

P1 EIP LJ to RWS SEA Aquarium (12 Apr)

The P1 pupils are looking forward to their first Integrated Learning Journey at the RWS S.E.A Aquarium at Sentosa. Pupils will learn to appreciate and learn about the diversity of sea creatures, have an

awareness on conservation of the environment, relate Mathematical concepts to real life situations and build better rapport with teachers and classmates.

(NEW) Breakfast with Parents

Our inaugural Breakfast with Parents sessions allow parents to find out more about the school's focus, direction and programmes in an informal setting. It also allows parents to network and share 'best practices' in supporting their children's development. The scheduled dates are as follows:

P5 & P6: 15 Apr
P1 & P2: 22 Apr
P3 & P4: 29 Apr

Come join us for breakfast and good conversations!

P4 Adventure Camp at MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Water Adventure Learning Centre (21 to 23 Apr)

Our P4 pupils will experience an exciting camping environment at MOE Changi Coast Adventure Centre. They will forge camaraderie and develop resilience through common challenging outdoor experience and develop leadership skills such as effective communication, responsible decision-making and working in a team. Our pupils will also develop critical thinking skills through team-building and problem-solving activities, experience community living and learn valuable life-skills. The key highlights of the camp are kayaking, challenge rope courses, abseiling, rock wall and campfire.

National Library Board activities

The school will continue to work with NLB to promote reading amongst our pupils. In Term 2, we will be looking forward to exciting activities as follows:

Book Buzz

Pupils will be introduced to current reading trends and the latest titles that have been released. Ranging from Science Fiction to Mystery, book talks are customised to meet the needs of our school. READ! Singapore stories are included too. Students will be given reading lists that feature popular books and award-winners.

Books 2 Go (Mass borrowing)

A wide variety of books will be brought to our school for our pupils to browse and borrow on the spot. They can also approach the friendly librarians attached to our school for the day for book recommendations and reading materials for project work.

Juying's Got Talent Competition (16 May)

The Arts Department will be organising Juying's Got Talent Competition to recognise talented pupils in the Arts. Pupils will

showcase their talents in singing, dancing, instrument-playing and also in Visual Art.

P4 SS LJ to Kampung Glam (19 May)

P4 pupils will be going on a heritage trail to Kampung Glam to learn more about Singapore Malay culture as well as develop their sense of belonging and love for our country.

OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Safety Message

The school would like to remind parents that the drop-off at Juying Secondary School (JSS) during fine weather is only available from 6.45am – 7.25am ONLY. Parents are not allowed to drive into JSS apart from this time period to minimise traffic congestion. In accordance to traffic rules, parents who are driving are advised to turn LEFT upon exit from the gate. We hope you will continue to partner us in our efforts to exercise care for the safety of our pupils and pedestrians.

Family Matters @ School

Parents are encouraged to attend the following events on family matters. Please contact Mdm Azizah at jyps_fms@gmail.com to sign up for the event. Registration closes on 8 Mar 16!

Friday 11 Mar 16	5.30pm – 8.30pm	Family Movie Night Featuring 'Inside Out' to exemplify instances of family values
Saturday 12 Mar 16	9.30am – 12.30pm	Building Bonds with Father Programme Speaker: AARON GRAHAM TAY (En Community Services Society)

Receiving Parents Connect through AsknLearn Parents Portal

Besides issuing hard copies of the *Parents Connect*, the parents' newsletter is also available at the school website. We will also be sending out the newsletter via the AsknLearn Parents Portal.

Keep connected via the school's Facebook too! Like us at:



IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 2 2016

Important

Dates	Activities
23 – 24 Mar	IDA Lab on Wheels (curriculum time)
24 Mar	Games & Health Carnival
25 Mar	Good Friday – Public Holiday
28 Mar	Commemorating World Water Day & Earth Hour
29 Mar & 31 Mar	P3 SS Learning Journey to Singapore Discovery Centre
30 Mar	P5 Aquaponics Enrichment commences
5 Apr	P4 and P6 NAPFA Test
4 – 8 Apr	World Art Music Week
8 Apr	International Friendship Day
11 Apr	SA1 Oral (P5) – MT
12 Apr	SA1 Oral (P5) – EL
12 Apr	P1 EIP Integrated trip to RWS S.E.A Aquarium
13 Apr	Cultural Performance Exposure Scheme (CPES) for P2 and P4 Chinese pupils
14 Apr	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science
15 Apr	Breakfast with Parents (P5 & P6)
18 Apr	SA1 Oral – P3 (EL) & P4 (MT)
19 Apr	SA1 Oral P3 (MT) & P4 (EL)
22 Apr	Breakfast with Parents (P1 & P2)
21 – 23 Apr	P4 Adventure Camp at MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Water Adventure Learning Centre
25 – 26 Apr	SA1 Oral (P6) - MT & EL
26 Apr	P4 Road Safety
29 Apr	Breakfast with Parents (P3 & P4)
1 – 2 May	Labour Day & Labour Day – Public Holiday in-lieu
4 May	SA1 - EL (Paper 1 & LC)
5 May	SA1 - MT (Paper 1 & LC)
9 May	SA1 - HMT (Papers 1 & 2)
10 May	SA1 - EL
11 May	SA1 – Math
12 May	SA1 - MT (Paper 2)
13 May	SA1 - Science
16 May	Juying's Got Talent Competition
19 May	P4 SS Learning Journey to Kampung Glam
21 May	Vesak Day – Public Holiday
23 May	School Holiday – Vesak Day
25 May	Meet-The-Parents Session #2
25 – 26 May	MT Book Fair