

THE RAFFLES WAVE



Making RGS Home: Students from the Art Club have designed some digital art pieces based on our House mascots and four school themes, adding vibrancy and colours along the Galleria on Level 3!

NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES

After a two-year disruption due to the pandemic, our student-athletes were able to fully participate in the National School Games (NSG) this year, and their achievements in the games have been making headlines in the news! Thank you to the RGS community for the enthusiastic support shown to our girls. For the full list of NSG achievements, visit our website [here](#).



(Top) The RGS Softball team came in 2nd for the NSG 'B' Division Girls' Softball final, while the RGS Tennis team won their first 'B' Division trophy since 2017!



(FESTIVE) SPIRIT OF GIVING

For the second-year running, the RGS Languages Department led a school-wide Lunar New Year Goodie Bag initiative in hopes of spreading some festive cheer to the beneficiaries of Xin Yuan Community Care Centre. This year, 150 goodie bags were hand-delivered by some of our student representatives and members of our Senior Management team.

As part of the long-running RGS Ramadan Project, RGS Student Congress also organised a Hari Raya donation drive where the RGS community contributed goodie bags to beneficiaries from Lions Befrienders, Xin Yuan Community Care, Muhammadiyah Welfare Home (Boys) and Darul Ihsan Girls' Orphanage. Our Higher Malay Language and Malay Special Programme students also created greeting cards for our school canteen vendors and the children of the homes!



GROWERS' PROGRAMME

During the 2021 December holidays, our students participated in the Growers' Programme. Led by our school counsellors, the programme is one of the student well-being activities by the Filiae Centre to explore how to develop a growth mindset through horticultural therapeutic activities. Their projects were then shared at a Growers' Experience Exhibition at the Deborah Tan Expressions Space from 10-25 February 2022.



LEARNING JOURNEYS WEEK

From 7-11 March 2022, our students embarked on a week-long experiential journey to better understand 'The Singapore Story'. With participation from the whole school, including our staff who planned and facilitated the journeys, parent volunteers who accompanied and chaperoned some of our students during the activities, and our alumnae who shared their expert knowledge, various trips and activities were planned during Learning Journeys Week. Some of the activities our students participated in include a walking tour around Braddell-Toa Payoh, a visit to an urban farm and a guided tour to discover Singapore's sports scene.



Our Year 3 students got up-close and personal with various rescued animals at ACRES. Through the sharing from the staff, they were able to understand first-hand and empathise with efforts to rescue animals from poachers.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2022 VIRTUAL WORLD FINALS

Congratulations to two of our RGS teams for emerging as world champions at the Odyssey of the Mind 2022 Virtual World Finals! Similar to previous years, our teams had to construct their solutions from scratch – write their script, build their sets, make their costumes and props, and perform. As the competition was held virtually, they also had to film their performance instead of performing live and come up with an explanation video.



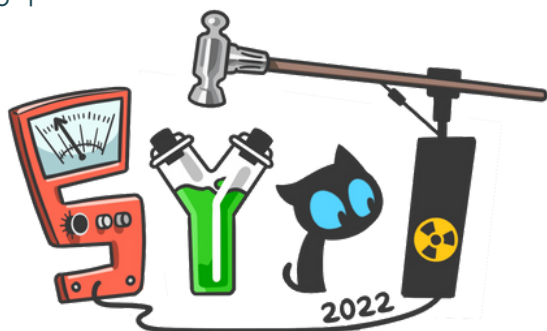
Watch the team's winning performance for Problem 4 – Matryoshka Structure [here](#).



Watch the team's winning performance for Problem 3 – Classics... (Name Here): The Musical Production [here](#).

SINGAPORE YOUNG PHYSICISTS' TOURNAMENT 2022

Our students took part in the Singapore Young Physicists' Tournament (SYPT) 2022 on 5 March (Category B) and 12 March (Category A). Both teams clinched the Silver awards in their respective categories! As host of the SYPT this year, on top of mentoring their students, our team of Physics teachers also took on the responsibilities of planning and running the event, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, DSO National Laboratories and Institute of Physics Singapore.



The SYPT logo this year was designed by RGS alumna Chen Guo (class of 2021).

SINGAPORE AMAZING FLYING MACHINE COMPETITION 2022

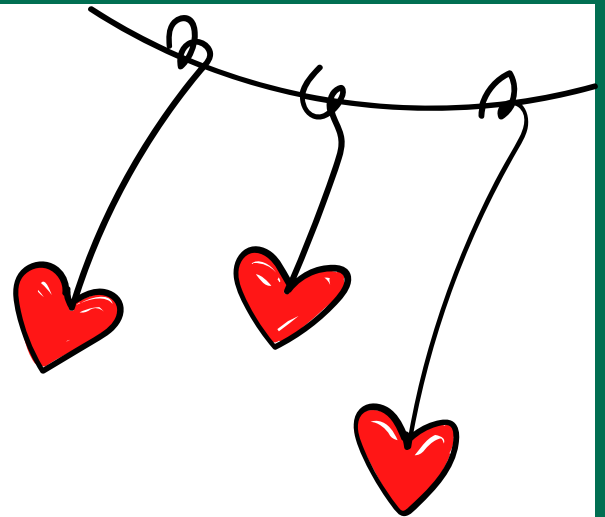
10 RGS teams represented the school in Category B – Unpowered Gliders of the Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition 2022, of which nine were shortlisted for the final round involving the launch of their gliders. Team Apollo 22, consisting of Year 3 students Xu Muhan and Shin Su-Yeon emerged the overall Champion! Watch their champion highlights reel [here](#)!



Apollo 22
Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)
Category B Champion

OUR RGS KAMPUNG

In this brand new series 'Our RGS Kampung', we aim to bring together various members of our RGS community to share their heart-warming stories in a familiar environment. Click on the thumbnails to catch the first two episodes below!



Episode 1: The inaugural episode features Mdm Ho Yee Chun who runs one of our canteen stalls. She shares more about her fruitful (pun intended) experience here in RGS.



Episode 2: Teacher Ms Audrey Chen shares about her exciting hobby, bird watching! Being a hotspot for various flora and fauna, the RGS campus has allowed her to pursue her hobby and even share her passion with others. One such student group that has benefitted from her guidance is Project Plume.

PORTRAIT OF A RAFFLESIAN

CROWNING GLORY

Nandita Banna (RGS class of 2016) wears many hats – she is a double degree student, a model who has most recently been on the cover of *Vogue Singapore* (her first cover shoot!), and the fanciest one of all, crown winner of Miss Singapore Universe 2021. She went on to make history at the Miss Universe pageant held in Eilat, Israel that same year, making it to the top 16, a first for Singapore since 1987.

The crowning glory of the entire pageant experience, she shares, was the chance to meet many wonderful, accomplished and kind women from 80 different countries, where she had the opportunity to learn about their different languages and cultures, and was inspired by the stories they shared.

While life after the pageant has been amazing as she has more platforms to speak and model, she is candid about her struggle to juggle classes and her engagements, which has taught her a lot about planning her schedules well and to stay motivated through the tough times.

We speak to Nandita on her pageant journey to the world stage, and she also shares about her RGS experience and career aspirations beyond Miss Universe.



Nandita represented Singapore at the 2021 Miss Universe, and made history as a semi-finalist, a feat not achieved by Singapore in 34 years!

Participating in Miss Universe

"When I was younger, especially when I was still a student at RGS, I was an overthinker who always second-guessed my own abilities and was also quite shy. Since then, I've always tried to be better and grow, and so I told myself to say "yes" to the things that scare me to push myself out of my comfort zone. Even though I was nervous, I joined the pageant because I wanted to improve my self-confidence, know myself better and to show myself that I can do anything that I set my mind to."



After being announced as one of the top 16 on stage at the Miss Universe pageant.



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Her RGS Experience

"Adapting to the RGS environment was a challenge for me at first as I had joined in Year 2 after living overseas for a few years. I had to quickly grow and learn to become more independent, responsible and accountable. My RGS experience has its highs and lows, and it taught me to be a stronger person. I also made some of my closest friends there, who supported me through everything. RGS gave me that chance to explore and find myself, and I hope that every young girl who joins the school gets to do the same."

Impact of the Raffles Programme

"I would say the holistic teaching and independence that was given to us shaped me into the person I am today. I had to manage my different responsibilities in my academic, CCAs and community service, and at the same time, deliver work of high standards. My struggles then taught me my preferred working style, how I deal with stress and how I act under pressure, which helped me make better decisions as I moved on beyond RGS."



Graduating with the class of 2016!



Nandita with her Year 4 classmates during Farewell Alma Mater 2016 at the former RGS campus at Anderson Road.



"Even though I was never into sports, Sports Fest and Net Carn (pictured) are some of the RGS traditions I like to think about. That feeling of cheering for your house or class, together with your friends, and that sense of community is something I miss. What I love most was the Milo truck that we had during those events!"

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Her Inspiration in Life

"Even though it is a cliché answer, my biggest inspiration in life would be my mother. She taught me and even showed me, through her actions, how hard work can help us reach our goals. She taught me to be kind and to always listen before speaking. Her dedication and strength inspire me every day to be a better person."

Hopes and Wishes for RGS

"I hope that every young girl feels comfortable and at home when they are at RGS. I hope RGS continues to nurture talented and genuine young women and give them the opportunities to help them develop into their best selves."

Pursuing a Career in Data Analytics

"I'm passionate about using data analytics to help people live more comfortable and fulfilling lives, by improving business efficiency and sustainability. I'd love to have a career as a Data Analyst and also further my studies in Urban Analytics (N.B. Nandita is majors in business management and information systems). I want to use analytics to shape the way we live, work and play so that we reduce our impact on the environment."



Nandita was on the cover of Vogue Singapore (March 2022 edition) where she had the opportunity to share her story of empowerment, body positivity and self-acceptance.