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Thank you to all who joined us for Carnival Memories! We hope you had a great time as we did hosting you. If you missed out on the carnival, or are looking to relive fun moments from the event, click [here](#) to watch a video that we've put together, or view photos [here](#).

WELCOME TO RAFFLES!



Year 1 Orientation was held from 2-5 January 2018 to induct our newest members into the Rafflesian family. Click on the thumbnail above to download a video (which also contains snippets of Reporting Day 2017) and get a glimpse of what went on!

THANK YOU PRGS!



On behalf of the Parents for RGS Association (PRGS), Chairperson Ms Amy Ang Poh Eng presented Principal Mrs Poh Mun See with a cheque of \$40,000 to support RGS Carnival Memorias. Thank you PRGS for your continued support!

ACHIEVEMENTS

*For more Achievements, please click [here](#).

Spanish Essay Writing Competition

Year 4 students Wong Yin Yee, Jermaine and Emma Skylar Jing Knapp emerged as winners of a Spanish Essay Writing Competition organised by the Spanish Embassy in Singapore. As part of their win, the girls, along with their parents, were invited as special guests to attend a private tour of the exhibition 'Century of Light' at the National Gallery in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Spain and Singapore.

Green Wave Environment Care Competition

Congratulations to RGS Year 4 students Ashita Ashish Sule, Woo Hoi Yuet, Cheng Zhi Ying and Thng Yi Jin, Fallon for winning the Commendation Award for their project 'Haze Runners' at the 2017 Green Wave Environment Care Competition! Their project aims to counter the limitations of current measures to combat the haze situation within households. To read more about it, click [here](#).



(From left) RGS Year 4 students Zhi Ying, Fallon, Hoi Yuet, and Ashita, pictured with Teacher-Mentor and Head, Professional Development, Miss Foo Ling Ling (extreme left) and Principal Mrs Poh Mun See, received the Commendation Award for their project during the award ceremony on 2 February 2018 for the 2017 Green Wave Environment Care Competition.

LEARNING KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES



Photo credit: Ms Cheong Szu Chuang

As part of Learning Journey Week 2018, our students got to visit many places, including the National Art Gallery, Sports Hub and also homes for the disadvantaged and a senior activity centre. A huge thanks to some of our parents who volunteered to chaperone the students on some of the trips as well!

UNLEASHING THE YEAR OF THE DOG



Rafflesians gathered to usher in the Year of the Dog on 15 February 2018, and they enjoyed a variety of performances from our Performing Arts CCA groups such as the Raffles Ringers and Dance International. This year, the appearance of not one, but two Gods of Fortune brought much joy and laughter as students and staff were showered with double the fortune and blessings for the New Year! Huge thanks to our team of performers and the organising committee for putting together a paw-fect celebration concert!

RGS PERL SYMPOSIUM 2018

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The 3rd RGS PeRL Symposium is happening on Friday, 20 April, from 7.30am, at RGS. The ever-popular Open Classroom segment will see the introduction of a new feature this year, where teacher-participants will be invited to co-teach with RGS teachers for 'pair teaching'. Click [here](#) to find out more about the Symposium.

PORTRAIT OF A RAFFLESIAN ALL IN THE FAMILY

As a Year 1 student making a transition from primary to secondary school, it may seem all too daunting at first with major changes set to take place, such as having to adjust to a new learning environment, making new friends etc. Besides the help and support from the school (i.e. teachers, peers and activities such as Orientation Week and Peer Support sessions) all our new Rafflesians receive, there is a small group of Year 1s who have some extra love and support from someone near and dear to them.

For RGS Year 1 students Aina Afrina Binte Mohd Faizal, Avanthi Vasudevan, and Danielle Leow Ze Jia, something that they share in common is that they all have an older sister in RGS. We speak to the sibling-pairs to find out more about their excitement at bumping into each other at various places around the school and embarking on an eventful journey of shared RGS experiences.

One Big Rafflesian Family

Aina: "I was very nervous at first when I found out I was joining RGS, but with good advice from seniors who were from my primary school and came to RGS as well, and of course my sister, my excitement grew. My sister also shared stories with me on how much fun I will have here, and listening to her stories made me look forward to embarking on my very own RGS journey."

Liyana: "I remember when I was in Year 1, I saw many of my batch mates who also had elder sisters in RGS bonding over common experiences. So I was really excited for Aina to join the Rafflesian family because there is just so much to learn from the programmes and activities that the school has to offer, and we also have the opportunity to be a part of each other's RGS experience."

The Journey Thus Far - Thank You PSB!

Aina: "I really enjoy PSL sessions! One memorable experience was when I had to choose my CCA and I was really confused because of the many options available to us. So I went to my PSLs and they gave some really good advice. In the end, I chose to join Squash."



(From left) RGS Year 4 student Liyana Afiqah Binte Mohd Faizal with sister, RGS Year 1 student Aina Afrina Binte Mohd Faizal.

A Shared RGS Experience

Liyana: "There is joy and a sense of comfort in having someone so close to you understand exactly what you're going through in school because she is going through or may go through the same thing. As an elder sister, seeing how my younger sister makes various decisions, experience the same challenges that I went through then come out stronger from them makes me proud."

Year 1s, Make the Most of Your RGS Journey

Liyana: "Be open to the many opportunities here. As a Year 1, you shouldn't restrict yourself and only focus on the activities that you like because for myself, I experienced so many different things, and got to participate in so many different programmes and activities that I think I would not have had I not been open to them."

One Big Rafflesian Family

Avanthi: "When I was still in primary school, my sister would come home and share about the things she did in school, and those stories intrigued me. So I was really excited about coming to RGS to experience those things myself, and was looking forward to making new friends and meeting new teachers and seniors."

Adithi: "I was very excited about my sister joining RGS. You know, you make friends as you go along your RGS journey, but it's just a different feeling having one of your family members as part of the journey as well. You know you'll see her around during school and it's just a very nice feeling – we really do bump into each other quite frequently, especially at the spiral staircase leading from the EN Hall to the Canteen!"



(From left) RGS Year 1 student Avanthi Vasudevan with sister, RGS Year 3 student Adithi Vasudevan.

PORTRAIT OF A RAFFLESIAN ALL IN THE FAMILY

Sisters at Heart

Adithi: "As a PSL, I provide support to my juniors, but it's different when one of your juniors is also your sister because whatever advice you give to her, you phrase it in a different way. You know, the way siblings usually communicate – in a playful manner but still nice of course! You want to help her, and you care for each other, but you show it in a more subtle way."

Sisterly Advice

Adithi: "I think most of the advice I've given my sister has to do with making friends and how she can come off as a nice person to her friends (laughs). I also gave her tips on finding her way around campus because I remember when I first came to RGS, I always got confused between the different staffrooms and ended up in the wrong one."

One Big Rafflesian Family

Danielle: "I felt really delighted after knowing that I was joining RGS. I vividly recall attending Open House last year, then Reporting Day, and to finally be part of the Rafflesian family, it's quite surreal."

Noelle: "I was very happy for my sister because I knew she has always wanted to join RGS. I was also very eager to share with her about my experiences in RGS."

A Shared RGS Experience

Noelle: "The biggest perk of us attending the same school is that we can now relate more to each other's stories and experiences. We also have more common topics to talk about. These shared experiences strengthens the bond between us. Furthermore, it is also convenient in terms of transport, since we have similar schedules and can go to school together."

The Journey Thus Far

Danielle: "My RGS experience thus far has been exciting, just as I thought it would be. Initially, I was apprehensive about fitting into a new school because I didn't know anyone in my class. But thankfully, my classmates are friendly and I have since made new friends."

The Journey Thus Far

Avanthi: "Orientation Week was really fun and useful at the same time because transiting from primary to secondary school is a very big jump – you have new subjects and you meet new people, and this campus is way bigger than my primary school, so I got lost quite easily. But Orientation Week helped and my PSLs also helped us better manage our time."



(From left) RGS Year 1 student Danielle Leow Ze Jia with sister, RGS Year 3 student Noelle Leow Le Xuan.

Sisterly Advice

Noelle: "Right up to the day before we started the new school year, I reminded my sister about the dos and don'ts for a Year 1 student, such as not hesitating to approach her teachers for help or clarification where necessary because they are all caring and understanding. Another piece of advice was that as much as she would like to sign up for all the interesting activities that the school has to offer, she only has that much time. Hence, she has to learn how to make choices and learn to manage her time effectively. To all Year 1s, all the best for your RGS journey! Don't forget to get enough sleep, and remember to also participate in non-academic-related activities and have fun!" :)

Know an inspiring Rafflesian who has a story to share? Write to us at corporatecomms@rgs.edu.sg to tell us more, and who knows, you may get to see yourself or your long-lost classmate in subsequent issues of the Raffles Wave!