

The Raffles Wave

RGS Parents and Alumni Newsletter

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RAFFLES GIRLS' SCHOOL

*Nurturing
Daughters of a Better Age*

Work Experience Programme

As the June holidays are coming up, Year 3 and Year 4 girls are encouraged to take on attachments through the Work Experience Programme. The aim of the programme is to expose our upper level girls to the working environment across various industries. Sign-up has been made available online on INET for upper level girls till 11 April.

Parents who are able to offer work attachment placements or who can direct us to potential contacts can liaise with our Pupil Development Executive Ms Elaine Tay at 68387876 or email elaine.tay@rgs.edu.sg

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Open House

The RGS Open House will be on 19 May this year, 8am to 3pm. As with past years, the Open House promises to be both an informative and introspective day for students who are considering joining the RGS family and for parents who are interested in the curriculum and programmes their daughters will be enrolling in. More information will be provided on our school website closer to the date and also via RGS Facebook (Raffles Girls' School since 1879) and Twitter (@RafflesGirls).

Direct School Admissions Exercise will be open from 23 April to 6 July.

Odyssey of the Mind Singapore

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a lifetime. OM teaches students how to think divergently, how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems.

The National Finals of this year's OM will take place on 13 and 14 April at Anglo Chinese School (Independent). 70 RGS girls (ten teams of 7 girls each from Year 2 to 4) will be participating in the finals.

New RGS corporate website

The current RGS corporate website will be retired later this month as we introduce a new and improved website to better serve the needs of our stakeholders and public. Do look out for it.

GCE 'A' Level Results

The Class of 2011 at Raffles Institution set a new record for the 2011 'A' Level Examinations. For the first time since 2007 (when the revised 'A' level syllabus was implemented), 6 students scored 9 distinctions. Another record since 2007 is the high percentage of students with 4H2 distinctions and the number who scored distinctions in all subjects offered.

Contributing to the excellent results were RGS girls who did the school proud.

RGS has produced:

3 out of 6 top students with 13 Units or 9 Distinctions

- Khoo Jia Hui
- Tiffany Seah
- Zhang Mengshi

Top Chinese student - 2 out of 3 awarded

- Khoo Jia Hui
- Zhang Mengshi

Outstanding Athlete - 1 out of 2 awarded

- Cherie Gan - National Golfer with 7 Distinctions

Outstanding Artists - 1 out of 2 awarded

- Soh Ser Yee - 1st prize Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition 2010, with 6 Distinctions

Institute of Physics Medal - 1 out of 2 awarded to RI

- Yuen Wing Yan

RGS congratulates all the students on the excellent results, and parents and teachers for setting the foundation for the girls to soar and excel.

In celebration of the results, the school will be closed on 5 April for a well-deserved holiday.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Talk by the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine

During the March school holidays, RGS was privileged to have the upcoming Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine present to over 190 students and parents. The Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine is a partnership between NTU and Imperial College London to meet Singapore's 21st century growing healthcare demands. The five-year undergraduate programme will begin in 2013 and will lead to a MBBS degree jointly awarded by the two esteemed universities. More information about the programme can be found at: www.lkcmedicine.ntu.edu.sg/



Martyn R Partridge MD FRCP Professor of Respiratory Medicine, Imperial College London, and Senior Vice Dean, Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine speaking with RGS students and parents

National Education (NE) Events

RGS students experienced a range of NE-related activities during the period of January to March.

On **Total Defence Day**, the Uniformed Groups (UG) organised a variety of UG-related activities for the Year 1s. Through the stimulating activities, the Year 1 students developed a better appreciation of the relevance of Uniformed Groups and Total Defence.

During the last week of Term 1, the whole school embarked on our annual **Learning Journeys Week**. This unique learning opportunity, offered via experiential learning, forms an important component of the Raffles experience. By having 'lessons' outside school, students were able to apply what they had learnt in the classroom to real life situations or learnt skills that were not taught in regular class.



Y2 - Financial Literacy Workshop



Y1 - Aesthetics Learning Journey to Dragon Kiln

The upcoming **International Friendship Day** in April will see the Year 1 classes put up static displays on countries for the benefit of the school population. This allows them to contribute to their school-mates' learning experience and broaden their understanding of other countries. The Year 3 students will also be having a mini in-conversation series with international students and returning Singaporeans; this event seeks to facilitate better integration of this group of students with the school population.

Achievement in Sports

Inter-school Sports Championships (Results to date)

Cross-country

C Division Team - 2nd

C Division Individual

Chloe Wang Wenyi (205) - 1st

Softball

B Division Team - 3rd

Tennis

B Division Team - 3rd

Rhythmic Gymnastics

B & C Divisions - 1st

Judo

B Division - 2nd

C Division - 1st

Tenpin Bowling

B Division Team - 3rd

B Division Individual Event

Yeo Ruqqi Joey (306) - 1st

Low Danlei Cheritta (408) - 5th

B Division Doubles Event

Yeo Ruqqi Joey (306) / Low

Danlei Cheritta (408) - 2nd

Visit our RGS website for the latest results as they come in.

The following RGS artistic gymnasts were selected to represent Singapore at the Asian Junior Gymnastics Championships in Thailand from 8 to 12 March:

Michelle Teo (203)

Ashly Lau (203)

Kelsie Muir (105)

Reserve: Charmaine Yeo (309)

The girls are also slated to represent Singapore in the next ASEAN School Games

International Women's Week

RGS celebrated International Women's Week (IWW) on 28 Feb to 8 March. The theme for IWW this year was - 'Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures' - which revolves around the issue of empowering girls in leadership and social advocacy in order to build a better future, a theme very much in line with RGS' mission and motto. This is also in line with the Humanities Department's mission of nurturing the RGS girl to become a reflective thinker who will be an advocate and steward of humanity and the environment. The week-long celebrations included a CLE session on women's role in society, an assembly session on advocacy work by a panel of RGS alumni, a Prefectorial Board sharing on student leadership, static displays on contributions made by inspiring women in Singapore and around the world, notes of appreciation written for our lady colleagues and the sale of flowers to commemorate IWW.



RGS alumni (L to R): Kelly Fan, Genevieve Ding, Virginia Tan, Joanne Wong

Staff Bonding Day



RGS staff tackling the various tasks assigned. Also a picture of one of the three birthday cakes (one for each month) that was shared by all staff

On 28 March, RGS staff got together for an afternoon of staff bonding. Grouped into teams of 9 or 10, RGS staff bonded by tackling a series of tasks set to challenge both the mind and the body. Activities they had to complete included the breaking of secret codes (some had to eat wasabi crackers as a result - just as mind blowing as it sounds), producing a video clip etc. Birthdays for staff born in the months of April, May and June were also celebrated with a slice of birthday cake for all.

