



Overseas Family School Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

It has been a busy month of March filled with a series of exciting events for our students and teachers. From Parent Student Teacher Conferences to the whimsical world of Winnie the Pooh KIDS, the 75th National Schools Individual Chess Championships and Grade 5 Expo.

We started off the month with our long awaited musical, Winnie the Pooh Kids. Our talented cast of 126 Grade 4 and Grade 5 students brought the Hundred Acre Wood to life on stage after 4 months of rehearsals. Through a collaborative effort from our students, parents and teachers, audiences were thoroughly entertained by the enchanting tale of Winnie the Pooh and his friends. Thank you to all our teachers and parent volunteers for their time and effort in making this a successful production!

For the second year in a row, OFS had the privilege of hosting the 75th National Schools Individual Chess Championship 2024 with over 1200 players in the OFS auditorium. It was truly an exciting chance for our students to showcase their chess skills and compete against peers from schools around Singapore. Under the guidance of our Chess teachers, Ms. Dengler and Mr. Ziegler, our Elementary School students are taught not only the strategies and tactics of the game but life skills such as resilience, critical and problem solving skills as well as good sportsmanship.

Thank you to all our parents who attended the Parent Student Teacher Conferences (PSTCs), which were conducted on 21 and 22 March 2024. In Elementary School, we take this opportunity to celebrate learning and allow our students to showcase what they have learned to their parents! It was indeed a valuable opportunity for us to come together and discuss your child's progress, growth, and goals. These exchanges between teachers and parents are invaluable to our students' academic success and I hope our parents found the conferences beneficial.

We rounded off the end of March with our amazing Grade 5 EXPO presentations for their IPC Unit of Work, "The Holiday Show". Our students have not only learned about the impacts of tourism but have also explored ways to make it more sustainable. This Exit Point gave our students a powerful opportunity to gain the confidence to present to an authentic audience which included the Grade 5 parents, ES faculty, students from Angsana Primary School, OFS Elementary and Middle School.

As we head into the last quarter of this academic year, there are still so many great things planned for our students. We look forward to an action-packed final quarter.



Penny Liew
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From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

Global Picnic (Saturday, 20 April 2024)

The Global Picnic is an international fair that brings together all the families in the school for a day of fun and celebration, as part of an international community. The event will take place on Saturday, 20 April 2024, on our campus.

We invite you and your family to join us and enjoy a wide range of free entertainment, including music, dances, demonstrations, bouncy castles, and plenty of food and refreshments from around the world. This is an opportunity to sample different cultures and have fun with your loved ones. Your active participation and pride in your cultural heritage are what makes this event so special for the OFS family. Do not forget to bring your camera, sunhat, and OFS Security Pass, along with your best smile. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Art News



Our recent Parent/Student/Teacher conferences were a great success and Ms. Wendy and I would like to thank the hundreds of families who came to visit the Art department and to our students who explained the process of their learning so well. We have now started our final Units of Work; Grade 1 students are making a story box diorama, Grade 2 are exploring the world of dinosaurs and pop up picture making, Grade 3s are learning oil pastel drawing techniques, Grade 4s are investigating the properties of printmaking and Grade 5 artists are creating mini fairground games and rides. Exciting times!

(Jennifer Freeman)

Important Dates:	
20 April	Global Picnic
24-26 April	Grade 5 Camp



Grade 1 News

It was lovely to see all of you at our Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences and celebrate the wonderful progress your children have made over the year. We are sure you are very proud of their achievements. We have completed our enquiry into the History and International subject areas and concluded our current IPC Unit of Work, "How Are You?", with a fun Exit Point to Pasir Ris Park. Students were able to demonstrate their understanding of the five main elements of healthy living through playing games and exercising, hydrating themselves, washing their hands before eating a healthy lunch, and then having rest time. We are excited about our next unit, "The Stories People Tell", where we will be exploring stories that have been passed down through the ages from a historical and geographical perspective. In Language Arts, students enjoyed following a recipe to make Chocolate Balls and then used their knowledge of the procedural structure to write the steps involved. In Mathematics, we have concluded our unit on Fractions. Students enjoyed making pictures using a range of fraction parts.

(Jaya Ward)



Grade 2 News



The Grade 2 students continued to have a busy time over the last month. Our Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences provided a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their learning and share their achievements. As a part of the "Land Sea and Sky" unit, students enquired into food chains and animal classification. They used their understanding about animal adaptations to classify animals according to their characteristics. As we come to the end of our IPC unit "Land, Sea and Sky" the classes were a hive of creativity. The children applied their new knowledge, skills and understanding of habitats and adaptations to research and create a diorama for our Exit Point. Students presented their research to their classmates. We are excited about our new unit "Footprints From the Past", which takes us back in time to when dinosaurs were alive. We became Palaeontologists for our Entry Point and we had to use tools to excavate our very own dinosaurs! In Mathematics, students have been busy exploring fractions through a range of hands-on activities.

(Sameerata Prakash)

Grade 3 News



The Grade 3 teachers wish to express their gratitude to parents for their unwavering support and communication shown during the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. This valuable partnership between school and home aids in enabling students to maximise their potential learning. The Grade 3 students have acquired confidence in their research skills by investigating our Unit of Work, "They Made A Difference". They showcased their knowledge, skills and understanding during their Exit Point reflections. In Mathematics, students have been investigating temperature, time and length. Students enjoyed explorative activities using thermometers in the Science Laboratory and measuring a range of objects using tape measures and trundle wheels. After the April break, students will begin their final Unit of Work, "Vanishing Rainforests". The big question will be: "Is it important to protect the rainforests?" Initially, the students will engage in a walk-through of the school's "rainforest" garden to investigate its natural surroundings and resources. Subsequently, they will return to class to consider the implications of living off the land while maintaining sustainability.

(Emma Gregg)

Deputy Principal Message

A huge congratulations to all of our Grade 4 and Grade 5 students who were involved in our Musical 'Winnie the Pooh KIDS'. The many months of rehearsals paid off to create an amazing show that students will remember for years to come. I would like to acknowledge the many teachers involved for their work in the various areas of the musical to make it all come together. I would also like to thank our parent volunteers for all of their support. Well done to all on a successful production!

(Jenny Riffel)

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Grade 4 News



March has been another busy month with many activities going on in Grade 4. It was great to meet all the parents during the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. Students worked very hard in the 'Going Global' unit and this culminated into a very successful Exit Point. There was a big focus on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and students used their persuasive writing skills to persuade visiting parents that their chosen goal was the most important. They also produced fantastic posters using Canva to bring awareness to their goal. All students have had the chance to develop the IPC Personal Goals of communicator and collaborator during this process. In Language Arts students have been learning the art of persuasive writing and used this to write about the SDG of their choice. Students have been busy in Mathematics learning about perimeter and area leading towards angles.

(Guy Watts)

Languages News



There were plenty of smiles and a lot of excitement as our Grade 1 students celebrated Easter with art and craft activities, and a special Egg Hunt with the Mother Tongue teachers. Students made jigsaws, did some lovely artwork and enjoyed sharing with others on the Mother Tongue floor. Holi, the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring was celebrated by our Hindi Foreign Language students. Students were captivated by the legend of Holika and Prahlad, a tale that reinforces the importance of good overcoming evil. Unleashing their inner artistic talents, students created colorful Holi decorations. Continuing the celebrations theme, our Israeli students enjoyed Purim by dressing in costumes, playing Purim-themed bingo and discovering a 3-digit code to open an escape room box. They ate traditional cookies and exchanged candy boxes. Finally, each year our Grade 5 Mandarin Foreign Language students take the Youth Chinese Test (YCT). It provides our students with an independent appraisal of their listening and reading skills in Mandarin and guides them in their future learning. We wish all our Grade 5 students all the best as they prepare for the test next month.

(Monica Makkar and Roger Calais)

Grade 5 News

It was wonderful to see all parents during Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences and share your child's learning journey with you. The past month the hallways were a buzz of excitement as the students prepared their boards and practiced their presentations for the Grade 5 Expo. The Expo is a celebration of the students learning throughout their Elementary School journey. The students were able to showcase their knowledge, skills and understanding of sustainable tourism, share the pros and cons, learn about how tourism impacts people and the environment and gain valuable insight into how we can be responsible tourists when we travel. Congratulations must be passed on to all the Grade 5 students for their in-depth research and recording, collaboration in preparing their boards and speeches and courage in presenting to parents and students. In Language Arts, we finished up our persuasive unit with students tying in a variety of persuasive techniques to their Expo presentations. In Mathematics, students have been engaged in data handling, where they have been learning how to draw different types of graphs and how to analyse them. They have also been finding out about the mean, median, mode and range.

(Karla Kleist)



Physical Education (PE)

As we near the end of Term 3, we are thrilled to share the remarkable progress in our Physical Education program. Students have shown commendable dedication as they have honed their skills in various sports like Handball, Tee ball, Cricket, Capture the flag, Kick-ball, and more as part of our 'Invasion Games and Striking and Fielding' unit. In lunchtime sports, we have concluded Captain's Ball for this term, with excellent participation across Grades 4 and 5, with 4.04 and 5.06 securing the top positions. Overall, we have observed remarkable teamwork, sportsmanship, and camaraderie flourishing throughout our Elementary grades. Let us carry this spirit into their final quarter, where we will dive into 'Ball Games and Target Games'.

(Mark Sherwin)



Music News

On behalf of the Music Department, I would like to commend all students who participated in our school production of 'Winnie the Pooh KIDS'. The performance was truly remarkable! Over the past few months, our performers have exhibited resilience, adaptability, and exceptional collaboration skills. We are incredibly proud of their achievements. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents that were involved, your behind-the-scenes efforts and support during performances are deeply appreciated. Moving forward, the students are busy preparing for the upcoming Global Concert. Students are excited to share the amazing cultural songs and dances we have been learning in class.

(Kevin McCabe)

Chess News



Congratulations to all 85 Elementary School students who participated in the prestigious 75th National Schools Individual Chess Championship from 16 to 17 March. Dang Khoa Nguyen and Myra Kaushik were OFS' most successful players. Dang Khoa won 7 games finishing 6th place in the U10-Boys category and Myra scored 6 points winning the 3rd place in the U08-Girls section. Special mention to Ashwath Kaushik for competing in the U20-years category and inspiring young players that age is not a limiting factor in chess. Well done to all OFS students. You made us proud.

(Dijana Dengler and Philipp Ziegler)

Sports News

Swimming

Tia Steere (Grade 5 - Tee) is Singapore's National Swimming Champion and also Bronze medallist !!!

Improving her previous personal best time by a breathtaking 34 seconds, Tia raced to the Gold Medal in the 200m Breaststroke event at the Singapore National Championships. Tia is now not only the fastest swimmer in school (breaking the previous school record by 8 seconds), and in ACSIS, she is now also the fastest swimmer in Singapore!

In the 100m Breaststroke event she won the Bronze medal with another massive 14 second improvement on her previous best time.

As a 10 year old swimming in the 11-12 year old age group, Tia achieved 4th in the 50m Breaststroke, 6th in the 200m Freestyle, and 7th in the 400m Freestyle and has secured her position as one of the very best swimmers in her age group in the country ranking amongst the Top 8 swimmers across 5 events.

As a Singaporean, Tia will be invited to the Singapore National Team for duty when the junior age groupers compete and represent the country.

The junior team as a whole is the highest ranked team amongst international schools within Singapore.

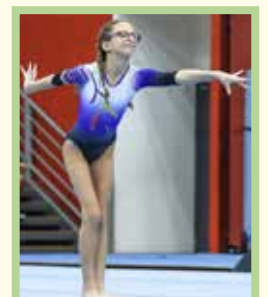


Gymnastics

Singapore Gymnastics hosted their National Championships and the OFS Tigers Gymnastics Team was sublime!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Roni Oren (Grade 5 Hodge) for being crowned Singapore's NATIONAL CHAMPION on the Uneven Bars - Level 3, 11 year olds. Additionally, the OFS Tigers Level 2 team are Singapore NATIONAL GOLD MEDALISTS in the Team Event.

Aadya Anand (Grade 5 Hodge) is a Singapore National Silver Medalist - Level 3, 11 year olds. OFS Tigers were the top international school team competing at these Nationals.



(Gil Levy)