



Overseas Family School

Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and our families enjoyed the February school holidays. February proved to be another busy and productive month, with the resumption of Enrichment and Extra-curricular activities for Semester 2. Our students eagerly returned to their clubs, sports training sessions, and after school activities, embracing new opportunities beyond the classroom. We were also proud to complete another successful Season 2 of the Tigers Competitive Sports with Season 3 beginning after the holidays. The Elementary School also celebrated Book Week, being our main highlight of the month. It was wonderful to see our school celebrate reading with themed activities, character dress up day, buddy reading sessions and author talks from Shamini Flint and Namita Moolani Mehra. As we came to the end of the Chinese New Year holidays, our Elementary School teachers attended a 2-day Professional Development and received further training about the International Primary Curriculum.



As we move into March, expect to see more amazing events across all grade levels. Our IPC Milepost 3 students are currently busy with two rather special Units of Work they are studying; Going Global and The Holiday Show. These units encourage students to think critically about global connections, culture and creativity, while developing their research, collaboration, and presentation skills. The two units will culminate in a special showcase event with a student-led assembly for Grade 4s as well as the highly anticipated Grade 5 EXPO. Thrown amongst these two big events are also the evening live performances of our Elementary School musical, "Moana Jr". We also launched our first OFS Spelling Bee for students born in 2015 and 2016, which drew a great level of interest and participation, with the completion of the first and second preliminary rounds. Finally, our Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (PSTCs) will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 18 and 19 March 2026. Thank you to all parents who have made their online bookings for the upcoming conferences. Please do contact the Elementary School school secretaries (es-secretaries@ofs.edu.sg) if you need assistance with changing your scheduled appointments.

March is certainly shaping up to be another enriching month for our Elementary School.

Lastly, I would also like to wish our Muslim families a joy filled Hari Raya Aidilfitri or Happy Eid as they come to the end of Ramadan.

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 Elementary School Principal
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Spelling Bee

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

Here, the Parent Association sincerely wishes all families celebrating Hari Raya -Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri! We will be hosting a Hari Raya-themed coffee morning on March 26, and we look forward to everyone's enthusiastic participation! This event is aimed at immersing everyone in the traditional festive atmosphere, enjoying delicious dishes, and sharing blessings and laughter. We have prepared a sumptuous feast and engaging interactive activities, allowing everyone to communicate and interact in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. We hope that every member can bring their family and friends to share this special moment together. Let us celebrate this meaningful holiday together and create beautiful memories!

Meanwhile, country groups are actively preparing for the Global Picnic in April, and we hope more families will participate!

Chess News

Our Grade 1 students are learning different checkmate patterns and how to protect the King. They are also learning to stop, think, and choose their moves carefully before moving. Our older students are improving through practice and learning to use their thinking time wisely while developing good sportsmanship at the chessboard. They are also solving chess puzzles and problems, using forward and backward thinking.

(Dijana Dengler and Philipp Ziegler)



Upcoming events:

4-5 March: Elementary School Musical "Moana JR"

11 March: K2 to Grade 1 Transition Talk for parents

16-20 March: Neurodiversity Week

18-19 March: Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

21 March- Hari Raya Puasa

27 March: Grade 5 Expo

30 March - 3 April: School Holidays

Grade 1 News

This month, our Grade 1 students continued their "How Are You?" unit, discovering the historical figures who made significant contributions to healthcare. During Mathematics, the students investigated the properties of 2D shapes, embarking on a shape hunt around the school to identify shapes in the world around them. While in Language Arts, we are focusing on procedural writing by creating our own tasty recipes. Book Week was highlighted by a wonderful visit from author Namita Moolani Mehra. The students were captivated as she read her book, *Anni Dreams of Biryani*, bringing the story to life. We are so grateful for the parent support provided with this month's costumes. The children looked fantastic in their favorite book character outfits!

(Emma Phelps)



Grade 2 News



Grade 2 students had a busy month of learning and exploring! We have been enquiring into how fish have adapted to living in the ocean habitat. Students explored the diverse body shapes of fish, gaining valuable insights into the ways adaptation shapes their survival. Book Week was another major highlight. Students participated in a wide range of activities over the week, including mystery readers, book quizzes, drawing their favourite storybook characters, and live online reading sessions led by Middle School and High School students, to name a few. They were delighted to meet authors Namita Moolani Mehra and Anaisha Aggarwal, who shared their writing journeys with the students. To wrap up our week of celebrating reading and books, students walked the ramp dressed up as their favourite book character. It was a joyful and memorable way to conclude a wonderful week!

(Sameerata Prakash)

Grade 3 News



Grade 3 students had a wonderful time celebrating Book Week! The week was filled with fun activities, including book-themed door decorations and opportunities for students to become authors by writing and illustrating their own mini books. A highlight was the inspiring author visit from Namita Moolani Mehra, which sparked a love for writing. Students also enjoyed Show and Tell, sharing about significant people who made a difference, linking to our IPC Unit of Work, "They Made a Difference". In Mathematics, students have been learning about money and visited the school shop to apply their learning in a real-life context.

(Amber Foley)

Library News

We had a wonderful time celebrating books, stories, reading and writing during our recent Book Week. Of special note were our entertaining and informative author talks from Shamini Flint and Namita Moolani Mehra. The students were excellent listeners and actively participated in their presentations. Each grade level enjoyed numerous activities throughout the week, including making bookmarks, creating mini books, and decorating classroom doors with book-themed designs. Book Character Costume Day was a particular highlight! There were so many original and creative ideas, and the children greatly enjoyed parading in their costumes and admiring one another's efforts. Book Week was a joyful celebration of imagination and creativity, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together to share a love of reading.

(Catherine Kmet)



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Grade 4 News



February has been another busy month for the students in Grade 4. It was great to see the students dress up as their favourite book character. You could see how much time and effort had gone into the costumes. Book Week is always a fun time in school and the students had an opportunity to take part in many activities on the dress up day. In Going Global the students have been able to create a trade flow chart for their chosen product to show their understanding of the trade flow and also their ICT skills. This has also led to the students discussing how the world is interconnected and how dependent we all are on one another. We have been studying the UN Sustainable Development Goals and students will focus on one of those goals and gain a deeper understanding on why it is important for the world. In Language Arts the students are developing a persuasive writing piece linked to the goal of their choice and they will have a chance to present their work during the Exit Point.

(Guy Watts)

Languages News



It has been a spectacularly eventful month for the Foreign Language and Mother Tongue teams, as we brought the IPC Personal Goals of resilience, thinking, and collaboration to life through immersive storytelling in Spanish, Mandarin, German, Hindi and French. Our Mother Tongue teachers added to the magic by sharing superhero tales for Book Week, while our Grade 3 students took center stage at their languages assembly to present a global showcase - ranging from the "Heroes of India" and a French panda story to a spirited Kung Fu performance and an entertaining Japanese snow song. Our language teachers honored International Mother Language Day by welcoming students into the atrium, creating a heartfelt space where they were encouraged to write, sing, or speak a few words in their own mother tongue to celebrate their unique heritage. The festivities reached a peak with our Chinese New Year celebrations, where the corridors were transformed by festive decorations handcrafted by both students and teachers. In the school atrium, the Mandarin team arranged a series of traditional games and activities for all to enjoy.

(Monica Makkar and Roger Calais)

Grade 5 News

The Grade 5 students celebrated a fantastic Book Week, with the Hall of Holograms serving as a major highlight. Students dressed as book characters and gave persuasive speeches to share their favorite stories with their peers. This activity complemented their work in Language Arts, where they have been practicing specific persuasive writing techniques. To support their Holiday Show unit, the students also visited Siloso Beach Resort for a tour focused on sustainability. Recently, they have been focusing on teamwork and communication as they prepare for the Grade 5 Expo. We can't wait to share our hard work with you on Friday, 27 March.

(Karla Kleist)



Art News

We've had a creative time in the Art rooms this month! Grade 1 students have made clay fruit and veggies. Grade 2 artists have been mixing secondary colours to paint colour wheels, baby bird pictures and their wonderful sculptures. Grade 3 children are now creating their own artworks inspired by many different artists. Grade 4 learners are decorating their body adornments with imaginative recycled elements and Grade 5 classes are putting the finishing touches to their posters. We would love to have you come and visit the Art rooms during Parent Student Teacher Conferences too.

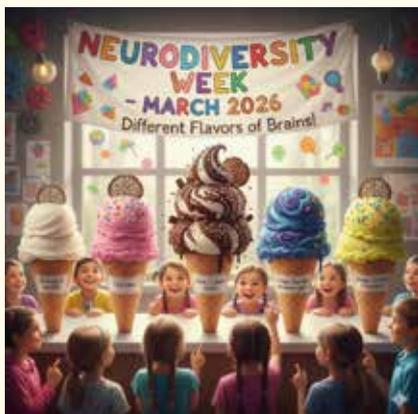
(Jennifer Freeman)



Educational Intervention Services **Sport News**

Different Flavors of Brains

March 2026 is here, and it's officially Neurodiversity Week from 16th to 20th March! As teachers, we are used to a classroom that feels less like a quiet library and more like a high-energy jazz ensemble. Brains come in as many varieties as ice cream. Some of our students are "Standard Vanilla"—reliable and classic. Others are "Double Fudge Swirl with Extra Sprinkles," moving at 100 mph with a side of creative genius. Whether it's ADHD, Dyslexia, or Autism, neurodiversity isn't a "glitch" in the system; it's just a different operating system altogether. While teachers spend their days hunting for lost glue sticks and decoding "inventive spelling," we are reminded that the world would be incredibly boring if we all thought in straight lines. This Neurodiversity Week, let's celebrate the zig-zaggers! After all, you can't solve a Rubik's cube by only looking at one side.



(Rizal Bin Baharom)

Physical Education (PE)

The PE team has wrapped up the first unit of Semester 2 and is now moving into an exciting new focus on Striking and Fielding and Invasion Games. Students will be building their hand-eye coordination through fun striking games like Kickball, T-ball, and Cricket, while also learning teamwork and strategy in invasion games such as Handball, Netball, and various Tag Games. Our Lunchtime Sports program is in full swing with Captains Ball! The Grade 4 and 5 teams have been showing amazing energy and sportsmanship, with some very close matches as we reach the halfway mark. Keep up the great effort, everyone!

(Christopher Eng)



Music News

Composition has been the main focus in Music class recently. Grade 1 pupils have been creating their own 2-bar rhythmic patterns, while Grade 2 and 3 students have been exploring musical form and composing within a set structure. In Grade 4, students are collaborating in groups to write short songs using ostinato patterns. Grade 5 pupils are composing songs aligned with their EXPO unit of work, 'The Holiday Show'. Finally, our ES Musical production of 'Moana Jr.' is just around the corner. We are very excited to share the show with you on March 4 and 5!

(Maya Mitsuyasu)

Season 2 Tigers Athletics: Comprehensive Summary

U11 Girls Football

Season Record: 13 Wins, 4 Draws, 3 Losses

Highlights: A highly successful season with a record low of only three losses. The team showed significant development in tactical understanding and camaraderie.

Awards: *MVP: Milrad Lea

Best Leadership: Thrupthi Ashok Hansini

Most Improved: Oishi Karen

Best Teammates: Aggarwal Siddhika & Gupta Shayna

U11 Boys Football (Division 2)

Season Record: 4th Place overall.

Highlights: Topped their group in the finals with wins over SJI, BC, and ICS. Recorded massive league wins, including 6-0 results against GIISP, NPSI, and UWCE.

Awards: *MVP: Jonas Hutcheon & Oscar Lyford

Most Improved: Shuntaro Oji

Best Teammate: Veer Chatterjee

U10 Boys Football (OFS 1 & OFS 2)

Season Records: * OFS 1: 9-6-7 (Wins-Draws-Losses)
OFS 2: 9-4-9

Highlights: Faced a wide range of top-tier opposition, recording multiple clean sheets and achieving Champions League qualification.

Awards: *MVP: Vicente Brondino & Vasili Budikin

Most Improved: Nicolas Mangano & Agastya Nair

Best Teammate: Joshua Digby

Badminton

U11 Boys & Girls: Both teams finished 1st Place (Gold Medalists).

Highlights: An undefeated season for the U11 teams. The new Developmental team successfully added 20 students to the program, maximizing court usage and participation.

U12 Mixed Cricket

Season Record: 2-2

Highlights: A legendary victory over NPSI, won on the very last ball of the match!

Awards: *MVP: Meydhansh Bahl

Most Improved: Rohan Srivastav

Best Teammate: Ram Mankodi

U12 Boys Basketball

Season Record: 2-4

Highlights: Remarkable growth in confidence and skill from the first practice to the final buzzer. The season concluded with a celebratory team pizza party.

Awards: *MVP: Igor Figurov

Most Improved: Kyan Lim

Best Teammate: Dan Fishman & Benjamin Aeby

(Bruce Shang - Head of Athletics)