



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

21 March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

We welcome our boys back to school after the one-week break and are heartened to learn that many of them have made use of the holidays to pursue their hobbies and recharge for the new term. In Term 2, we will be focusing on our school values of **Integrity, Excellence and Collaboration**. We hope that our boys will consistently demonstrate these values both in school and at home.

We are grateful for the strong support of our parents, parent volunteers and Parent Support Group in many of our school activities in Term 1. Our heartfelt appreciation to our Parents' and Fathers' Prayer Groups for faithfully keeping the school, staff and students in prayer. We give thanks for God's blessings and protection over ACS(J) and continue to seek His divine guidance and wisdom as we strive to provide an enriching educational experience for all our boys.

Crafted for Goodness (Isaiah 64:8)

1. 138th Founder's Day

Our school celebrated our 138th Founder's Day on 1 Mar (Fri) with a Thanksgiving Service and Academic Award Presentation. The Guest-of-Honour for the occasion was Mr Richard Seow, Distinguished Old Boy and Chairman of the ACS Board of Governors. This year, as part of the celebrations, Mr Seow also officiated the opening of our Harmony and Technology Gardens. Conceptualised and designed under our PERI Upgrading Project, the Harmony and Technology Gardens facilitate outdoor experiential learning in various subjects, such as Science, Mathematics, Social Studies and Art, and promote food sustainability in land-scarce Singapore through the use of technology in urban farming. We plan to use the produce harvested from these gardens to bless the elderly in our community.

Leading up to Founder's Day, our boys were given the opportunity to reflect on the school theme, **Crafted for Goodness**. On 29 Feb (Thu), following the sharing by our guest speaker, Mr Charis Lim (Class of 1992), at our Internal Founder's Day celebration, our Primary 1 boys were introduced to our school's rich heritage and long history as our Primary 6 Social Studies Captains guided them on the ACSian Heritage Trail around the school. Students across the other levels delved into the acts of goodness demonstrated by our founder, Bishop William Fitzjames Oldham, and our pioneers who have made a lasting impact in ACS and the wider community. They reflected on how they too can perform kind acts and leave behind a legacy for future generations of ACSians.

Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2024 Arts Presentation

2. A biennial event for our Performing Arts CCAs, our boys from **String Orchestra, Concert Band, Junior VibeZ and Choir** have been training hard to put forth their best performance for the SYF 2024 Arts Presentation this year.

The various Performing Arts groups will participate in the SYF Arts Presentation on the following dates:

Category	Date & Time	Venue
Instrumental Ensemble	4 Apr (Thu) @ 10.30am	School of the Arts <i>Concert Hall</i>
Band	11 Apr (Thu) @ 3.50pm	Singapore Conference Hall <i>Concert Hall</i>
Dance (International)	16 Apr (Tue) @ 4.30pm	The University Culture Centre <i>Ho Bee Auditorium</i>
Choir	23 Apr (Tue) @ 4.45pm	School of the Arts <i>Concert Hall</i>

We welcome parents and guardians to view the performances and show their support.

Primary 5 Camp (Monday, 1 April to Wednesday, 3 April 2024)

- The Primary 5 Camp will take place from 1 Apr (Mon) to 3 Apr (Wed) at the MOE Jalan Bahtera Outdoor Learning Adventure Centre. All Primary 5 students are to **report to the school as usual at 7.30am on 1 Apr (Mon)**. They will be **dismissed from school on 3 Apr (Wed) at the usual staggered dismissal timings, from 1.30pm**. Please note that **Primary 5 students will have Home-Based Learning (HBL) on 4 Apr (Thu)** and need not report to school on that day.

The 3-Day 2-Night outdoor adventure learning cohort camp is the culminating event for all Primary 5 students as part of the Outdoor Education Learning Area in the Physical Education Syllabus 2024. The camp seeks to provide students with opportunities to synthesise, apply and make responsible and safe decisions based on basic outdoor competencies they have learnt through authentic situations and tasks set in the outdoors. In addition, the camp strives to develop in the students a lively curiosity about the outdoors, foster camaraderie among them and develop resilience through common challenging outdoor experiences.

We seek your understanding that parents/guardians are **not allowed** at the campsite. Should you have further queries regarding the Primary 5 Camp following the Pre-Camp Briefing held on 21 Mar (Thu), please contact your son's/ward's form teachers or the Camp Commandant, Mr Teo Zhihao, at teo_zhihao@moe.edu.sg.

International Friendship Day (Monday, 8 April 2024)

- International Friendship Day (IFD) is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with its neighbours and aims to nurture in students the spirit of friendship and collaboration amongst different people. Through this year's IFD theme "Singapore in Asia", our boys will explore Singapore's role in facilitating closer economic, political, social and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia during the assembly and recess activities on 8 Apr (Mon). As they learn about the cultures of other countries in the region, our boys will reflect on their roles in promoting the spirit of friendship and collaboration and develop an appreciation for the contributions of foreigners in Singapore.

Hari Raya Puasa (Wednesday, 10 April 2024)

- This year, Hari Raya Puasa falls on 10 Apr (Wed). On 5 Apr (Fri), there will be a sharing on this festival by our Malay Language teachers for all students. All Muslim staff and students may leave school at 10.30am on 9 Apr (Tue), the eve of Hari Raya Puasa. Parents/Guardians of Muslim students who wish for their children/wards to be dismissed at 10.30am are to inform their respective form teachers and pick their child/ward up at the school's General Office.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim staff and students and their families *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri*.

ACS (Independent)'s Outreach to Primary 6 Students

6. ACS(I) will be having an engagement session with our Primary 6 boys on 26 Mar (Tue) to share with them the ACS(I) experience and address any queries that our boys may have. The engagement session will be held at ACS(J) during the Form Teacher Guidance Periods.

To support all Primary 6 students in making an informed choice on ACS(I)'s O-Level or Integrated Programme tracks, ACS(I) will be having their Open House on 13 Apr (Sat), from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Parents/Guardians and students can look forward to a comprehensive tour of the school campus and detailed information on its academic programmes, co-curricular activities, and student services at the Open House.

CCA Matters

7. With effect from this year, our school uniform supplier is appointed to sell the ACS(J) CCA shirt, which can be purchased at the Bibi & Baba store at Far East Shopping Centre. Students are allowed to wear the CCA shirt only during their CCA sessions. Do note that it is **not compulsory** to purchase the CCA shirt.

Staff Affirmation

8. The 27th Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2024 aims to give due recognition to deserving Chinese language teachers who have shown exemplary efforts towards the teaching of Chinese language and culture in the past year. The award also affirms the efforts of teachers who have successfully inculcated in their students an appreciation for Chinese language and culture through creative and engaging teaching methods and/or learning activities with their students.

If you know of such a teacher in ACS(J), you can nominate him/her for this award online.

Award	Organiser	Details of nomination	Closing Date
27 th Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2024	Lianhe Zaobao and ZBSchools	Nominations can be made online at https://bit.ly/dclta2024 	Sunday, 12 May 2024

Road Safety

9. We thank parents and guardians for observing road safety and traffic rules when sending your child/ward to and from school. We will continue to educate our boys on the importance of staying vigilant while crossing the roads and raise their awareness of near miss incidents.

We seek the support of parents/guardians in reminding their children/wards to cross only at designated traffic pedestrian crossings and to practise the kerb drill. Please also reiterate the importance of having their seat belts on at all times while travelling in vehicles.

ACS *echo* Publication

10. The ACS *echo* connects the ACS family of schools as One ACS. We are pleased to inform you that the February - March 2024 issue of ACS *echo* is now available online at <https://acsecho.com>

May the upcoming term be filled with goodness, growth and abundant blessings for all. To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal