



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

10 May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J), and a blessed Mother's Day to all the important women in our children's lives! *"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.'"* - Proverbs 31:28-30 (NIV). This verse reminds us of the enduring value of the woman's reverence for the Lord and celebrates the inner strength and character of mothers who prioritise their relationship with God, recognising that true beauty and worth come from a heart devoted to Him. We give thanks to all mothers and caregivers for the sacrifices they make and the unconditional love and unwavering support that they give to their children and families. We salute you and we pray for the Lord's grace and favour to be upon you always.

As we bring the term to a close and celebrate the progress our boys have made in Semester 1, we encourage all parents/guardians to make use of the June holidays to engage your sons in meaningful activities and to allow them time and space to pursue their interests and hobbies. May you have a wonderful time bonding as a family this holiday.

Crafted for Goodness (Isaiah 64:8)

We thank the Lord for shaping our boys and giving them opportunities to express their talents and creativity through the following platforms.

1. Blessing the Community

(a) Ceramic Workshop for Seniors

In partnership with Fei Yue Community Services, our Primary 5 student leaders had the opportunity to conduct a ceramics workshop for seniors as part of an Intergenerational Learning Programme. Before meeting the seniors, our student leaders had to be equipped with the right communication techniques and learn how to make their own ceramic pieces.

On Thursday, 4 April 2024, our student leaders warmly welcomed the seniors to the ceramics workshop at our very own Art Room. They facilitated the session and taught the seniors how to mould the clay and create their own unique ceramic pieces to bring home. Through facilitating the workshop and interacting with the seniors, our student leaders had much to glean from the experience. They were able to dispel the myths and stereotypes about ageing and developed greater awareness of the challenges faced by seniors in our community.

(b) Whampoa Give and Take Market

The Whampoa Give and Take Market is a local initiative to complement national efforts to support families in need. Before the event, our student leaders started a donation drive with our ACS(J) students. They received a variety of books and stationery from them which would be used to support lower-income families in the Whampoa and Bendemeer areas. Our students helped to pack and differentiate the books based on their language and reading levels. On Sunday, 5 May 2024, our student leaders manned a booth at Whampoa Community Club, interacted with different families and distributed sets of books and stationery to them. Through this initiative, our students learnt about volunteerism, care for society and how they could impact a community through the power of collaboration.

2. Learning Journeys

In Term 2, our Primary 1 boys embarked on a walking adventure around our neighbourhood in Newton, practising road safety rules and exploring places such as the Cairnhill Community Club and our former campus at Peck Hay Road. As part of museum-based learning, our Primary 4 boys visited Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery and Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery to learn about the contributions of the Malay and Chinese communities in Singapore respectively. These experiences not only enriched our boys' understanding of the world beyond their classrooms, but also nurtured bonds of camaraderie.

3. ACS(J) English Week

The ACS(J) English Week was organised from Monday, 22 April to Friday, 26 April 2024 to grow the joy of learning English in our boys. Themed "Around the World in 5 Days", our boys learnt to appreciate literature during their lessons and fun activities during recess. We would like to thank all parent volunteers for their support in the recess activities.

4. ACS(J) Book Character Day

The ACS(J) Book Character Day took place on Friday, 26 April 2024. Held in conjunction with the ACS(J) English Week, our boys and teachers alike dressed up as their favourite book characters to commemorate the occasion.

We would like to express our appreciation to all parents/guardians for your partnership in instilling a love of reading as well as good reading habits in your children. Please continue to ensure that your son brings an English storybook for pre-assembly reading from Monday to Wednesday and a Mother Tongue Language storybook every Thursday and Friday.

5. Recognising Our Young Talents

(a) Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

We celebrate and congratulate our boys for their recent participation and achievements in the National Schools Games (NSG), Singapore Arts Festival Arts Presentation (SYF AP), and other competitions in the various CCA domains. These platforms provided opportunities beyond academics for our boys to learn important life skills such as resilience, perseverance, and sportsmanship, and to apply the skills acquired during CCA activities. We would also like to thank all teachers, coaches/ instructors and parents/guardians for supporting our boys in their CCA journey.

National School Games Achievements

We give thanks for our boys' achievements in the Senior Division of the following sports and games.

No	Sports/Games	Senior Division
1	Badminton	League 2 (Participation)
2	Bowling	<i>Ongoing</i>
3	Football	League 1 (Participation)
4	Rugby	Division 3 rd
5	Sailing	Optimist Senior Boys (Team) 3 rd
6	Swimming	Division Champion (Senior 1)
7	Table Tennis	League 2 (Participation)
8	Tennis	Division 2 nd

Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2024 Arts Presentation

A biennial event for our Performing Arts CCAs, we give thanks for our boys' achievements in the SYF Arts Presentation this year.

Category	CCA	Results
Instrumental Ensemble	String Orchestra	Certificate of Distinction
Band	Concert Band	Certificate of Accomplishment
Dance (International)	Junior VibeZ	Certificate of Distinction
Choir	Choir	Certificate of Distinction

Uniformed Groups

We give thanks for our boys' achievements in Boys' Brigade.

Name of Student/ Competition	Class/ Company	Achievement
J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2024	N.A.	High Distinction
Adventure Quest	12J	Gold Honour Roll
Adventure Quest	12J (Team 28)	7 th (out of 81)
John Paul Ignatius Thng Yi Ren	6.7	Best Boy Award 2024

Clubs

We give thanks for our boys' achievements in Chess.

Open U10 (Total: 380 participants)			
Name	Class	Nationals	South Zone
Lin Yi Christopher	4.6	11 th	3 rd
Enoch Ng Yang En	3.3	13 th	4 th
Lee Jia Wen Elian	4.6	20 th	7 th
Open U12 (Total: 465 participants)			
Name	Class	Nationals	South Zone
Ng Rong Xun Kaymer	5.1	35 th	4 th
Yang Jialu	5.3	37 th	5 th

(b) **Our Effective Communicators**

Three Primary 4 boys took part in the Newsmaker Award 2024 competition held on Friday, 15 March 2024 at Raffles Girls' Primary School. We would like to congratulate our boys on their achievements for winning the Merit Award.

(c) **Our Mathematicians**

The Raffles Mathematical Olympiad (RMO) is an annual competition aimed at generating greater interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics among students in primary schools. We would like to congratulate our boys on their achievements.

Raffles Mathematical Olympiad (RMO) 2024

No	Award	Number of winners
1	Junior Category – Distinction	1
2	Junior Category – Merit	1
3	Open Category – Distinction	6
4	Open Category – Merit	8

(d) **Our Scientists**

The Raffles Science Olympiad (RSO) is organised by Raffles Institution to engender a sense of wonder towards Science. Five of our Primary 5 boys participated in two rounds of competition on Thursday, 4 April 2024 and Thursday, 25 April 2024. We would like to congratulate them on their achievements.

Raffles Science Olympiad (RSO) 2024

No	Award	Number of winners
1	Merit	1
2	Bronze	1

Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)

6. The Mid-Year Meet-the-Parents (MTP) session will take place on-site on **Thursday, 23 May 2024 and Friday, 24 May 2024**. The MTP session will take the form of a Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) for all levels. Each student will share about his experiences in school. **Your son must be present with you at the session.** All students will not report to school on the two days stated except during their selected PCTC timeslot. There will be SLS assignments for them to complete in their own time at home.

The Form Teachers would have provided you with the details, including the booking of the PCTC sessions, via Parents Gateway on Friday, 26 April 2024. We seek your understanding that there is no make-up session if you are unable to attend the PCTC sessions on these two designated days. We strongly encourage all parents who are unable to attend the session to find an opportunity for your son to share his learning experiences with you.

Sustainable Kids' Market

7. Our school will be leading a workshop at the Sustainable Kids' Market, which takes place at **Marina Square** on the **Saturday, 25 May 2024 and Sunday, 26 May 2024**. Some of our Art Club members will serve as art facilitators, who will guide participants in creating a sustainable art piece. The proceeds from this event will facilitate the expansion of the Young Hearts programme by the Singapore Red Cross, to support underprivileged children with education and mentorship. Do support this meaningful cause by making a donation for your child/ward to attend one of the workshops: <https://sustainablemarkets.sg/pages/mini-makers-workshops>.

Cyber Wellness

8. With our boys likely to experience more screen time during the school holidays, the likelihood of them being exposed to cyber misconduct, such as cyberbullying, also increases. To augment our continuous efforts to empower our boys to be safe and responsible digital learners, we will be sharing an **SLS package** from **Monday, 27 May to Friday, 31 May 2024** to help our boys build kind and positive online habits. Let us take this opportunity to role model appropriate upstander behaviours for our children and encourage them to consider how their actions might affect relationships, others' feelings and the community, both online and offline.

CCA Matters

9. As the Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) calendar draws to a closer this semester with the conclusion of the National School Games for Senior Boys and the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation, please note that all Primary 6 students will stand down from their CCAs with effect from Term 3. Your children's participation in CCA has contributed to their holistic development, and we appreciate your strong support and involvement.

Travel Declaration for Mid-Year School Holiday

10. To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a **travel declaration for your child/ward if he will be travelling** for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Friday, 24 May 2024 (the last day of the term)**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. **If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.**

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

Digital Version of the ACS *echo* Publication

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

School Calendar for Semester 2 (2024)

12. We are in the midst of finalising our school calendar for Semester 2 and will publish it on **Friday, 31 May 2024** via PG.

I wish you and all our boys a blessed semester break.

To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal