

Weekly School Newsletter

Message from the Head of School

The Arts are one of the three core pillars of the GWA (Singapore) programme, joining with Sports and Academics in ensuring that every student at the school is provided with outstanding learning opportunities. This past week, GWA has conducted its third and certainly most successful Arts Week, bringing together staff, students, parents and external experts to cultivate creativity.

There can be little denying the importance of problem-solving, creativity and collaboration in the modern world. Music, drama and visual arts are three courses which students undertake at GWA, which enable them to understand the technical world of reading and playing music, communicate through verbal and non-verbal dramatic methods, and explore a variety of techniques to express thoughts, feelings and messages through visual arts.

This week has been particularly successful due to the strong organisation of the Arts team, led very ably by our Arts Coordinator, Claire Rimmer. Assisting Claire have been Chris, Daniela and Tracy from the Music department; Mandi from our Drama team and Beth from our Visual Arts team. Danielle, our fantastic Teaching-Assistant in the Arts has been invaluable in her support across all areas. We particularly wish to thank the many parents who provided workshops over the five days, with Wednesday being a specific highlight. The main foyer came alive as our many talented parents provided demonstrations and sessions with students from across the grade levels.

It is our partnerships across the school community that make GWA (Singapore) such a strong school. The drive of folks such as our wonderful Arts team, continues to ensure that our students are given many fantastic learning opportunities, all within a supportive environment which encourages risk.

We look forward to welcoming families to our Chinese New Year festivities taking place this coming week, and thank you once again for the considerable support of GWA (Singapore).



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Parent Event

*Chinatown Dim Sum
and Tour - 17 Jan 2017*



*Chinese Dim Sum breakfast
in the heart of Chinatown.
Thank you to our PRE, Judy
for arranging this fun event.*

*If you would like to join in on
future parent events, please
contact Judy:*

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Chinese New Year Assembly:

January 26th

@ 9:10am (PY&SY) 10am (EY)
Auditorium

*Students, staff and parents are
encouraged to wear Chinese
costumes or red clothes. Parents
are invited to join us for the
celebration*



Message from the Early/Primary Years Deputy Principal

We've hit the ground running in the second semester and it has been wonderful to welcome so many new families into our school community. It is always great to meet new students and watch them make friends and adjust to their new surroundings. I know that our welcoming school community will make sure our new families settle in well. In addition to our new students, we have also welcomed twelve new staff members into our division. They have joined us from far and wide and have already added tremendous value to our school.



This week we celebrated Arts Week with various activities and events arranged for our students. Our staff and students have been fantastic and have demonstrated enthusiasm and excitement as they participated in the various events. It has also been great to see so many parents involved in this year's

Arts Week. Thank you all for your valuable contributions to the success of this event.

Next week we look forward to celebrating Chinese New Year in another action packed week.



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Message from the Secondary Years Deputy Principal/DP Coordinator



This week Grade 10 students attended an information session on the IB Diploma Programme. The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education that prepares students, aged 16 to 19, for success at university level and beyond.

The programme encompasses an in-depth study of six major subjects: three subjects are studied at Higher Level and three at Standard Level, allowing students to pursue advanced work in subjects of particular interest.

In addition to the six required courses, candidates for the Diploma take a course in Theory of Knowledge (TOK), write a 4000-word Extended Essay (EE), and complete a CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) programme, which stresses experiential learning outside the classroom.

Over the next few months we will continue to share information about the Diploma Programme in more detail.

If you have any further questions about the IB DP Programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Click [here](#) to view detailed Events Calendar

25 Jan 2017

PARENT ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

GWA Auditorium Lobby
@ 9:00am

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**30 Jan - 3 Feb
2017**

CHINESE NEW YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



17 Feb 2017

REMINDER: PUPIL-FREE DAY

20 -24 Feb 2017

BOOK WEEK



SPORT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The season of contrasting fortunes continued for the Jaguar's 16U basketball teams. While the boys continued on their winning way, the girls' team rounded out the season with a loss to UWC East.

With the ACSIS regular season drawing to a close, the 16U boys and 12U girls basketball teams both have their sights set on the playoffs. Both teams remained undefeated during the season and are understandably confident of performing well in the playoffs.

The 14U Football girls also scored an impressive 7 - 0 win over the Global Indian International School in a home fixture during the week.

Our swimming plans were foiled yesterday by the recent inclement weather. The team travelled to SJII for their swim meet eager to race. However, the 48 student team came home without getting wet as the meet was cancelled due to the thunder storm.

Hopefully the rain and bad weather can hold off for the remainder of this season and the final games can be played for all teams at the scheduled times.

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12U Girls Basketball team beat UWC 48-2 in the last game of the regular season. Undefeated in the regular rounds.
Next up, play off games! - stay tuned for further details
GO TEAM!

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MESSAGE FROM GWA PARENT ASSOCIATION (GWAPA)



A Huge THANK YOU to all our talented parents and artists who presented and shared their work this week during Arts Week. Thank you also to all the parents who came and enjoyed it together with their children. For those who could not make it, please visit our GWAPA FB to find a photo story from that joyful and creative event. (here the photos from the event- see attachments)



Please save the date January 25, Wednesday, after the Parent Engagement Workshop at 9 am for our GWAPA meeting. We will update you on all GWAPA related topics. One of them will be the Community Service visit to the orphanage in Johor on Feb 18. Don't miss it and see you there! These meetings are open to all parents and we welcome the new faces at our school.



GWAPA Team



25 January
2017

GWAPA
Meeting
after Parent
Engagement
Workshop

18 FEBRUARY
2017

Community
Service:
Johor Orphanage
Details to follow

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