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105th Founder's Day

Written by Ms Peh Hwee Choo



On 13 August 2022, Nanyang Girls' High School bustled with excitement as we held our 105th Founder's Day celebration, jointly organised by the Nanyang Schools Alumni Association (NSAA) and the three Nanyang Schools. As celebrations in previous years had to be held virtually over Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Nanyang family was looking forward to reuniting and reconnecting at the first large-scale in-person event on our school grounds after a 2-year hiatus.

Our theme for the year was "Memories · Perspectives" to reflect how the memories of our experiences, relationships, and education in Nanyang

have shaped our perspectives on life and equipped us with the resilience to overcome adversity. We were privileged to have our alumna, Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, as our Guest of Honour.

The event began with Ms Fu viewing an exhibition showcasing the art pieces and song lyrics from the "Nanyang 105 Creation Competition". This competition was held from December 2021 to March 2022 to commemorate this year's Founder's Day, and provided a platform for alumni, staff, students, parents and guardians to express their gratitude, care and aspirations for Nanyang through their art and music creations.





The exhibition was followed by students' performances in the Siew May Auditorium. Guests were treated to an array of performances, ranging from melodious tunes by the NYGH Combined Orchestra, NYGH Choir and NYPS String Ensemble, dances by the NYGH Chinese Dance and NYK Class of K1/7, crosstalk by the NYGH Theatre Club and performance by the NYPS Wushu team. There was also a special showcase of the Creation Competition, where winners of the Song category performed their songs. The winners in both the Visual Arts and Song categories were then awarded their prizes, which were sponsored by the NSAA.

We also paid tribute to our Honorary Patron of the Nanyang Family of Schools, Mdm Wee Bee Hoon, and Honorary

Directors, Mr Ong Pang Boon and Mr Tang See Chim. For the past few decades, they have been passionate and driven to improve not just the schools' building and development, but also student welfare and education. In recognition of their dedicated service to Nanyang, they were presented with Lego models of and calligraphy scrolls with the words "南洋之光", honouring them as the pride of Nanyang.

The event came to a close as we sang the Founder's Day song and celebrated with a Lego model of a birthday cake that was built with our school colours, and it ended on a high with the performers standing in the aisles amongst the guests, singing and clapping to the song "I Love You Nanyang".

We celebrated not just the 105th anniversary of our schools' founding, but also the unwavering support from the Nanyang Family, which has been instrumental to the schools' development. Brick by brick, we built upon the foundation laid by our founders together. Over the years, we remained united to support one another and build each other up. There is strength in unity, and today, Nanyang stands tall. Let us cherish the 105 years of precious memories, and work hand in hand to create many more!

NSAA Annual General Meeting 2023 cum Election for 2023/2025

Written by Ms Tham Ruoh Yi

Date: 25 March 2023 (Saturday) / **Time:** 4:30 pm - 6.10 pm

The Nanyang Schools Alumni Association (NSAA) organised our Annual General Meeting (AGM) cum Election for 2023 / 2025 on 25 March of 2023, at the Alumni Clubhouse at NYGH. This year we received 38 participants as we resumed our first in-person AGM after the last few AGMs were held via Zoom due to COVID.

NSAA President Mdm Chua Eng Eng welcomed all attendees by giving a brief introduction about the Alumni Association. A video montage showcasing the activities organised together with the 3 Nanyang Schools was presented, showcasing major events including:

- AGM - Online (March 2022);
- Primary One Talk -Webinar (June 2022);
- 105th Founder's Day Celebration (August 2022);
- Tuan Bai (February 2023) and
- Nanyang Values Talks (October 2022 & February 2023).

The next agenda of the AGM was the Treasurer's report. The income and expenditure statement for 2022 / 2023 was presented by Honorary Treasurer, Mdm Serene Hooy, detailing the income and expenses of NSAA and the balance sheet as of February 2023. The presented financial statements were unanimously approved by the members present.

The final segment of the AGM was the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the NSAA. Mr Edwin Yow went through key clause amendments.



Key amendments included:

- Clarification that the NSAA will be able to generate funds in order to pursue its objectives.
- Simplification of membership structure by amending the termination of youth membership from age 25 to 21.
- Committee to have discretion to amend the membership fee as opposed to hard coding the membership fee within the constitution.
- Extend time which an AGM can be held.
- Flexibility to amend required number of members to form a new committee.
- Process for appointment of auditor amended to appointment of a qualified accountant.
- Mr Yow explained that once the proposed changes are accepted, these will be submitted to the Registry of Societies and will then be passed through another EGM.
- Every member in attendance voted in support of proposed changes.

Election for the new committee for 2023/2025 was held after AGM. A total of 30 committee members and 2 auditors were elected during the election.



2020年头，全世界冠病突发，疫情严峻，新加坡也不免疫，几乎所有的学校，政府机构及商业活动都被迫暂时关闭或停止。南洋中小幼校友会合唱团也不得不暂停实体上课。本计划于五月开办的城市合唱团音乐会也取消了。

在同年十月，合唱团开始线上上课。可惜线上学习有很多局限。有些团员也适应不了，渐渐失去原有的热忱。

直到2022年3月，政府宣布社团可恢复部分正常活动时，合唱团就急不及待在一个月后恢复了实体课，也立马着手准备参加城市合唱团于2023年4月15日在滨海艺术中心所举办的音乐晚会。

问题来了！实体课一开始，大家发觉合唱水准大降。因为个人健康状况或工作安排，各声部失去好几位核心团员，美声也达不到音乐指导李妙璇老师的要求。几乎要从基本功重新学起！合唱团也因此每星期加课学习。

最后，李老师选定了三首适合我团这次演出的歌曲。

第一首歌曲是家喻户晓的《踏雪寻梅》。这首歌描写了雪后天晴，蜡梅吐香，骑上毛驴踏着冬雪去欣赏梅花绽放的情景。合唱曲主要以轻快的铃铛响声及跳跃的旋律，刻画郊游人喜悦的心情。轻快喜乐的歌曲我团还是拿手的！

第二首歌曲是世界闻名的《Summertime》。这首为音乐剧制作的歌曲创作于1934年，是一首带有爵士风的摇篮曲。歌剧描绘了那个年代残疾黑人男子和未婚妈妈的悲伤的爱情故事。李老师要求团员以慵懒忧郁的音色演绎曲中大量长短拍的摇摆节奏(Swing rhythm)，唱出妈妈对孩子的期望—期望孩子总有一天会摆脱贫困的生活。

最后一首歌曲则是经典名曲《我爱妳祖国》。这本是一首男女声合唱，大气无比，荡气回肠的爱国歌曲。因为我们是纯女声合唱，李老师要求我们改以优美柔情的歌声，满含深情的方式，唱出真挚的爱国情怀。

4月15日当天，团员们带着既紧张又兴奋的心情登上滨海艺术中心的舞台，把这三首歌曲接近完美地演绎出来，得到观众热烈的掌声！

根据团员私下调查，年轻的观众都喜欢前两首歌曲，尤其是《Summertime》，觉得我团唱得非常动人，令人惊艳！他们也称赞李老师指挥时非常有活力！金禧级的观众则大多喜欢《我爱妳祖国》，他们认为这首歌曲演绎得深情款款，动人心弦。他们也说指挥老师精心挑选了不同节奏的歌曲，让整个音乐会变得更有魅力！新加坡合唱协会李煜传会长也说我团的表演深深打动人心！除此之外，南中校友会会长蔡莹女士及董事李淑端女士也来捧场，两人都对我团的演唱赞赏有加！

感谢团员们的努力和辛勤付出。希望我们互相扶持，共同进步，继续坚持另一个十年！

Get-To-Know-You Sessions and Values Talk

Written by Ms Puah Ping Hui

In view of the COVID-19 situation, the NSAA replaced our face-to-face Get-To-Know-You sessions with video interview calls for the period 2020 to 2022. On 11 February 2023, NSAA resumed our physical Get-To-Know-You session and Values Talk which are usually held on the same day one after another.

It takes a village to raise a child. The NSAA believes that our schools, parents and alumni should work hand in hand in instilling the right values in our Nanyang students. With the advancement of science and technology and the development of society, the importance of moral education has become increasingly prominent. The SAP School culture, educational philosophy and values of the Nanyang Family of Schools play a special role in the cultivation of the Nanyang alumni's character.



The NSAA first held the Nanyang Values Talk on 1 June 2019 with the intention of providing our alumni and their spouses a brief history of the school, the significance of the Nanyang values and the importance of good character for all members of the Nanyang family. The Values Talks turned to digital platforms and were held online during the pandemic years from 2020 to 2022. Mr. Liu Zhao (former HOD SAP, NYPS) has been conducting the sessions for NSAA all these years. He has recently passed the baton to Mr. Fei Meng (current HOD SAP, NYPS) who conducted his first Values Talk on 11 February 2023. Once again, a big thank you to Mr. Liu and Mr. Fei for their dedication and support for this regular event of ours.

P1 Registration Talk

Written by Ms Joii Goh

The Nanyang Schools Alumni Association (NSAA) held its annual Primary One Registration Talk in a hybrid virtual model with the easing of pandemic rules on 25 June 2022. Event organisers and speakers were on-site while the session remained streamed to the wider audience.

Given the new MOE primary 1 registration phase 2A convergence this year, event invitations were extended to a broader audience which included NSAA members, parents of Nanyang Kindergarten and potentially members of the public who had picked up on the event through the NSAA portal.

Interest and attendance were high with over 200 attendees, notwithstanding that NYPS P1 Registration Phase 2A1 eligibility letters were no longer issued. It is very encouraging that NSAA continues to remain relevant to members and we hope non-NSAA Nanyang alumni members will learn more about NSAA and our journey with our alma mater's Family of Schools through our NSAA President, Mdm Chua's sharing during the event.

Other event highlights included presentation of NSAA's annual donation to Nanyang Primary School, Mdm Ler Jia Luen (Principal of Nanyang Primary) delivering her overview of coming into Primary 1 in Nanyang, Mr James Chong (Vice Principal of Nanyang Primary) walking through the granular registration process and a live Q&A session with panellists from NSAA and NYPS to wrap up the day.



Feedback on the event was positive, with many noting that the Q&A session helped attendees understand more about the registration process. In particular, Mdm Ler, Mr Chong, Mr Chan and Ms Lim's candid sharing and patient explanation of the registration process and education in Nanyang as Q&A panellists were very much appreciated.

The event was co-organised by NSAA and NYPS staff and the NSAA would especially like to thank the NYPS Principal, Vice-Principals, teachers and technical teams in the background for making the session possible and a success.



团拜2023 - 玉兔报喜、万事如意

- 潘宇哲女士



经过了疫情期间的各种线上活动，实体团拜终于在2023年重磅回归！我们很高兴能在今年让大家从新聚在一起感受新年的热闹气氛。今年的团拜在南中礼堂举行，而这一次的实体团拜受到了南洋大家庭的大力支持。在校方发布活动详情和报名信息之后，我们在短短几小时内就受到大量的家长报名参加——这几乎是前所未有的现象。想必大家也和我们一样，疲于线上活动，向往人与人面对面的交流。由于报名反应如此踊跃，筹委会临时决定增加桌椅以便让更多学生及家长参与。

团拜当天筹委会、南中家长协作组、南小家长教师协会和南洋三校师生和校友义工们一早就来到学校参与彩排和布置，准备迎接大家的到来。当天，细雨霏霏，但是雨水并没有影响大家的热情。不久，礼堂里已聚集许多学生及家长。一如既往，为活动拉开序幕的是南中醒狮团带来的传统舞狮采青，她们的表演一下子把活动推向一个高潮。除此之外，南小也带来了一段诚意满满的舞龙表演。在零基础的情

况下，为了更好的呈现这项节目，副校长和老师们在百忙之中抽出时间，从去年八、九月就开始频频苦练，身体力行的向大家展示南洋三校坚持不懈，百折不挠和追求卓越的精神！接下来，我们南洋幼稚园、南洋小学和南洋女中的学生们纷纷带来了精彩的舞台表演包括舞蹈、武术、相声、华乐以及古筝等。来宾们在观看表演的同时，还可以到礼堂两旁的活动摊位参与不同的手工制作和书法挥春或食品摊位品尝汤圆、中国茶和各式各样的春节传统糕点。

最后，由南洋三校校友会理事和南小家长教师协会所扮演的福禄寿星和大头娃娃纷纷来到礼堂，穿插在人群中与大家拜年合影。节目的尾声也迎来全场大合唱，高唱新年歌曲为今年的团拜落下帷幕。

2023年的团拜在一片欢声笑语中画上了一个圆满的句点。感谢大家的支持，我们明年再见！



In Memory of Mdm Ng Koon Hai

真诚悼念尊敬的吴群海恩师

Written by Mdm Ng's student, Mr Andy Ong Loon Ann 梁璋晏老师
(graduated in year 2000)

"Deeply saddened to learn of the passing of 吴老师. She was our Chinese teacher in our PSLE graduating years from primary 5 - 6. Her passion for the subject was felt keenly during every lesson, while she paid attention to everyone's individual competencies. Most memorable was her contrasting demeanour between her usual no-nonsense approach for Chinese class, and when she covered lessons as relief teacher, during which she shared many interesting life stories and lessons. Am forever grateful for her teachings and would not hesitate to attribute my Chinese proficiency and work ethic to her presence in my learning years."



吴老师于2022年11月22日撒手西归，终年80岁。她一生勤勤恳恳，任劳任怨。她教学严谨，循循善诱，深受学生的爱戴。但凡别的老师对那些行为顽劣的学生束手无策时，只要将他们交到吴老师手里，她都会使出浑身解数将他们教得服服帖帖。

吴老师那天生洪亮的声音，特别有震慑力，也正因如此，学生们都对她肃然起敬。无论是在执教工作岗位还是在领导工作岗位。她总是一心放在工作和事业上，敬业乐业，默默奉献。她对工作认真负责，一丝不苟。她认真执行政策，坚持原则。她忠实履行工作职责，竭力维护公平正义。

吴老师为人忠厚，襟怀坦白，她对两个儿子从严管教，严格要求，两个儿子皆遵纪守法，好学上进。

吴老师的逝世，使我们失去了一位好同事，好伙伴，好朋友。她虽然离我们而去，但她那种勤勤恳恳，忘我工作，严格执法，刚正不阿的精神；那种艰苦朴素、勤俭节约的优良作风；那种为人正派、忠厚老实的高尚品德，永远值得我们学习和牢记。

吴老师安息吧！

缅怀王玛琍恩师

- 林丽娥女士



王玛琍老师(Mrs Mary Hsu)在南洋女中教英文和音乐（1961年至1988年）。1967年，她组织了第一支南中合唱团。当时我们都参加了试音，很幸运的被选中。整团大约有六七十个学生，指挥是王老师，伴奏是吴莹莹同学。合唱团参加了母校五十周年校庆的庆典--还记得《清溪水慢慢流》是演唱曲目之一。南中合唱团延续至今，表现出色，在新加坡青年艺术节艺术展汇演是特优奖的常胜军。

根据70周年校刊记载，王玛琍老师在1986年12月担任音乐科主任。她的代表作品有《南洋永发光》，原歌词曲由刘韵仙校长所作，1966年由王玛琍老师改编。此外，《教师节歌》也是由王玛琍老师于1982年创作。

王老师退休后活跃于教会，也常参加校友会的各项活动。有一年在南小的食堂，她看到一架钢琴，立即弹起校歌！我们也随着琴声高唱：我们跟时代进行.....

在2022年的8月15日，一向健康无恙的王玛琍老师高高兴兴地和家人一起吃晚饭，不料她在九点多突然倒下。老师在紧急救护和送院不久后却还是安详离世了。

王老师享年八十三岁，于2022年8月15日安息主怀。



人物专访

萧芳辉校长

记者：双文化奖学金得主 - 徐劭哲(404), 张凯心(410)



劭哲：请问您秉持的工作理念或遵循的职业道德是什么？

校长：平心而论，我其实并不太清楚自己的职业道德(work philosophy)怎么用一句话来概括。我只知道自己要尽心尽力的做好每一件事情，“大小通吃”。你们看到我身后的这几个字吗？“发上等愿，结中等缘，享下等福；择高处立，寻平处住，向宽处行。”

这句话其实源自香港首富李嘉诚的办公室挂的一幅书法，出处是清代儒将左宗棠的诗句。这幅书法我曾与南侨的后勤同事们提过，而他们也会开玩笑说我的作风与此非常相似，所以他们就在我离开南侨的时候写了这幅书法赠予我。

“发上等愿”，其实就是做事一定要往高处看，往宽处想，要胸怀远大的抱负，比如说我对“南中的愿景”就要包括南中未来发展的机会和南中实现这些愿景的能力。“结中等缘”，简单来说就是我需要不差别地与每一个人结缘，建立好关系，保持一颗平常心，凡事尽力而为，而后顺其自然。“享下等福”，简单来说就是吃一点苦，将一些很平常的事情视为是自己的福气，甘愿过普通人的生活。这副对联的下联有“择、寻、向”这几个字。这三个字都是很积极的：我很主动地去选择一样东西，我很积极地去寻找一个东西，我很积极地去向往，去探索这些不同的事物。

那如何“大小通吃”呢？大人物，就是校董、校友会、教育部、父母和老师等等。但是在学校里面，不仅仅是这些“大人物”在尽职尽责地做事，我也不仅仅只需要他们在工作上协助我。我们的校工也都是我们学校的一份子，我也需要他们在工作上协助我。

因此，我管理学校时，我认为最重要的还是我要如何授权(empower)我整个团队，让他们都能够成为我的左膀右臂。这样我心里想做的事情就能够通过他们也授权给学生。

此外，还有一个重要的理念就是要未雨绸缪。今年南中是106岁，在我的手里一定会到110岁。身为领导，最重要的就是要能够看到“大方向”。

我注重的是，在接下来的这几年里，我能够为南中做什么，我要知道怎么往这个愿景努力，要怎么去落实它。同样的，落实它也是要“大小通吃”：大事情要做，小细节也不可以忽略。

凯心：您能否分享您最希望每一位南中学生能够铭记于心的一句话或一个道理？

校长：知之为知之，不知为不知，是知也！

我先讲这个好了，因为到目前为止，我大概这句话讲的比较多。可能同学们会很好奇，我为什么要讲这一句出自孔子的话。

其实是因为我听了你们老师的反馈。我是去年十二月十五号来南中报到的，在开学之前的那两个星期，我读了很多关于学校的报告和资料，同时也找了副校长、老师、校友和家长们做了很多准备工作。

在与副校长和老师交流的时候，有一样东西，是大家都一致认同的：我们南中的同学都很用功，很出色，但是太安静，太含蓄了。学生们都很勤劳地学习，可是很多时候明明心里头纳闷，却不敢发问。因为怕问问题会让自己显得比较弱势，担心自己会被同学取笑。虽然最后成绩还是优越的，但却事倍功半，因为间中耗费了很多不必要的时间。

一件事情这样还不要紧，可是当你很多件事情都这样苛刻地要求自己的时候，就很苦了，压力也很大。其实，很多校友也是到了高中后才意识到了这个问题。因此，我想要做的就是让我们南中的同学建立更强大的自信心，让大家“知之为知之，不知为不知”。因为这样到最后，我们才能“是知也”，有新的智慧，才能开拓更广的视野。校长希望大家可以将这个道理铭记于心。

目前来说还没有一句话可以完全概括我的想法，因为我觉得我还在了解南中。但是到目前为止，我觉得起码“知之为知之，不知为不知，是知也”应该还是受用的。

劭哲：您中学时代的校园生活是什么样的？南中是否会勾起您的一些回忆？

校长：我是在圣尼格拉长大的，十年在女校。以校史来讲，圣尼格拉跟南中相差十多年，所以差别不大。但当然还是有区别的，比如说南中是新加坡华社领袖在孙中山先生的领导下建立起来的，但圣尼格拉是一所教会学校。

来到了南中，我第一个感觉就是很舒服，太熟悉了。当我知道会被派到女校掌校时，其实我很开心，很兴奋，有点像是回家的感觉。我很感谢教育部终于给了我一次机会，让我回到了一个都是女生，一个我很熟悉的成长环境。就因为很熟悉，所以你会发现我跟你开玩笑时，比起我在南侨的时候，我会比较自在。同时，因为有这个经验，我也觉得我比较能够理解同学们的一些想法和心理的状态。

陈振声部长在我的就职典礼当天也语重心长鼓励我要好好为南中做出贡献，毕竟“南中的气压会比较大”，百年树人的任务确实不容易。在这个新的时代里，南中背负着的使命跟之前的可能会有点不一样，尤其是在这四十多年里，南中的变化很大。我们从七九年的特选学校，成了自主学校，也成了直通车课程学校。同时我们也被授权主导教育部多项旗舰项目，比如：美术特选课程、语文特选课程、双文化课程，还有我们的校本高才课程。

我们在这短短的四十多年里，已经经过了好几轮的转型。每一次的转型都是对我们一个要求的提升：在师资方面，在培训方面，在学校的活动方面，我们都需要与时俱进。再加上现在是疫情后这样的一个大转折，所以我觉得部长讲的“气压会比较大”，这确实是真的。不过我很庆幸的就是校董、校友和老师们都给予我很大的支持。我相信我给你们的感觉就是我做事情是比较大刀阔斧，比较强势的。我觉得只要是我观察到了需要处理的东西，我就会当机立断。好像你们今年中四了，你们要毕业了，我总要做一些改革，让你们也可以经历和学习，让你们也可以觉得这个改变对你们会有好处。

第一，我们在对我校整体的课程（直通车）做一个课程大检讨。这个会需要耗一点时间，但是我们的工作小组其实已经开始了。第二，我们不是要重新塑造我们学校的愿景(BARMOS, Agent of Change)，而是我们要如何真正地在新时代去落实这个愿景。在这个新时代中，南中的定位是什么？所以我们现在做的是个展望未来计划(futuring exercise)：往前看，往前瞻，这样的一个探索过程。我们南中往哪个方向，我们接下来这一步，要做什么准备才能够扎扎实实地落实，让接下来的每一代南中学生都能够获益。

我们希望这个课程改革和展望未来计划会在南中庆祝110年校庆之前就能看到初步的成效。因此五年内，我们要齐心协力，才能看到成果、成效。

很多人都说教育是百年事业，但我想说孩子们在南中只有四年时间，所以有些改革需要尽快。因此，有些改革是今年你们会看到的，但我们还没有公布；有些会是明年，但都会逐步去做。我要谢谢老师们，他们都“好啦！校长，你的大旗扬上来，那我们就跟你合作，我们就配合你”。这让我觉得非常鼓舞，我们大家就是要齐心去完成这个使命。

凯心：在上任之前，您对南中的印象如何？这一印象是否在上任后的几个月有所改变？

校长：我先跟你们说说我学生时代对南中的印象。以前如果有同学来南中就读，我都会肃然起敬。我觉得南中的学生有一种特有气质，所以我很庆幸我们的醒狮团还在，我们的柔道队(Judo)也还在，还有你们都会跳华族舞蹈。南中学生就像能文能武、刚柔并济女中豪杰，又豪迈又可以跳华族舞蹈，我觉得这个就很神奇。

说到体育，那时候我去看她们打排球，我就跟教练、老师，还有几位同学的爸爸说：“噢，她们已经换场地，换到另外一边了，我们要坐过去支持她们吧。”他们说：“不要，我们要坐这边，因为我们要看到她们的眼神。”我至今难忘我们同学专注的眼神，那么坚定，却也那么从容，让我佩服。我觉得这个是不管在我学生时代，还是现在，这种刚毅的精神我觉得还是有的。

但是，我也观察到我们同学的自信心还是可以再加强。就是不要在遇到做什么事情显出我的弱势时，我就把它刻意隐藏起来。其实当一个人能够当众跟他人讲：“Yeah, this is my weak link. This is something i can improve.”这个才叫“强”。没有人是完美的，若你能够坦然地接受，去处理它，我觉得这种处事方法我真的就会很欣赏。这也就是我希望我们南中的同学能够勇敢去做的。不要说我是不是比他差，你敢做你才比他强，对不对？所以不要做一个软软的豆腐，不要做一个草莓族。

为什么BTS现在这么红？BTS强在哪里？他们是倡导者(advocate)，他们去联合国发言，所以你们这么欣赏他们，对不对？为什么Black Pink这么抬头？她们每一位都有自己的独特个性(very distinct character)。即便是四位女生，有一位来自泰国，但她也可以说韩语。在这么短的时间内，她掌握、了解韩国的文化，融入韩国这个最顶尖的流行文化，但她又能够带出她自己的个性。这个就是让女生抬头的底气。

因此，我希望我们的同学不要只是一个课业很出色的南中女生。我希望我们的同学是随时随地都可以独当一面的南中女生。你要我以高格局做事，我可以做得到。但是，你什么时候要我表现“勤慎端朴”的精神，我也可以很含蓄的，我不需要一直站在那个聚光灯下。但是当我站出来时，大家都会信服我，人家的心就安了，因为“有南中女生在”。我也希望我们的同学不要墨守成规，应该能够适时地做调整，不要什么东西都“这个没有彩排过，不可以做”，不需要彩排你也要做。因此，我真的希望有一天，我们同学上去讲台发言时都可以不依赖讲稿。你们看校长讲话时有没有拿稿呢？但是我知道这是不容易的，因为毕竟你们还是中学生。不过，我还是要问一问，我们家的中四老大可不可以试着不看讲稿在讲台上发言？



劭哲：您闲暇时，通常会做些什么？您有什么嗜好吗？

校长：我喜欢放空。校长住的地方离学校挺远的，有时候堵车，开车需要一个小时才到学校或到家。虽然路程遥远，但我反而很开心，因为我喜欢放空。我喜欢开车绕路回家，看看周围有什么，同时利用这个时间思考一些事情。有时候是一整天忙完之后，我可以在开车的时候静下心来放空，调整自己的步伐，忘掉烦恼。

我也很喜欢用Spotify听播客(Podcast)。比如我最近就在听蒋勋先生，台湾一位专门研究《红楼梦》的文学大师细讲红学研究，我就边听边学习。我有时候也会用Spotify听歌，放松心情。

在游泳的时候，我也很喜欢放空，会从1一直数到100，再继续重复这个过程，直到不想游了为止。我觉得有时候人就要学会放下，我希望可以通过游泳和开车放空、放下、放空，因为这样看待事情就看得比较透彻。

另外一个比较特殊一点的喜好，就是我每天睡前，不管有多累，都一定会玩Sudoku。我觉得这也是一个让自己放空，学习专注的方法。你在整个过程里即便很累，却也会很专注于如何将格子填满。等你做完后，困意就会席卷而来，一关灯上床就睡着了。校长在这个岗位上需要接收很多资讯和信息，如何平衡并处理学校大大小小的事情很多时候都是挑战，所以通过Sudoku来培养我的专注力对我的工作是很有帮助的。

Celebrating

OUR STUDENT ATHLETES

This year, the National School Games returned in full force for the first time since 2019. With restrictions due to the pandemic from 2020 to 2022, many of our school sports teams did not get the chance to compete against other schools in the usual formats, let alone at the zonal or national level. It was with great pride and excitement that our students got to represent the school at the Games this year.

Despite this being some of our athletes' first Games, many of them put up strong performances and displayed excellent teamwork and camaraderie throughout the season. We checked in with them to find out how they felt about their NSG experience.



Artistic Gymnastics

Lorraine (Team Member):

This entire NSG journey was a memorable one. Leading up to NSG, training sessions became harder and the coaches were stricter. Despite facing challenges such as injuries and coping with academic work, I managed to pull through and put my all into improving for NSG. I am extremely grateful for my teammates as they have supported me throughout the training process and cheered me on! They were definitely my greatest pillar of support and I couldn't have done it without them.



Badminton

Sabrina (Vice Captain):

During NSG, there were definitely stressful, challenging and sometimes even frustrating times, but I'm very proud of our team for overcoming these adversities together as one to win our first ever nationals Champion! The moment when we won will always be etched in my mind: the smiles, the cheers, the screams, the hugs and just pure happiness and excitement. NSG is the most fun and fulfilling experience I have had in Nanyang. Always, NYBT!



Basketball

Jing Ling (Captain):

As this is my last year representing Nanyang, this season was definitely a fruitful and memorable one. This was also my first Nationals representing Nanyang. This NSG experience has opened my knowledge a lot more, on myself, my team and definitely other players from other schools. It was also an eventful season.



↘ Judo

Kit Wai (Vice Captain):

Having been injured in S3, I missed my chance to participate in NSG last year. Thus, my participation in the NSG this year would be my first and last one in Nanyang. However, due to silly mistakes, I failed to get a placing in the weight category and it was absolutely devastating as I had worked extremely hard to make it worthwhile. But it is okay! As cliché as it may sound, the process and the skills I have learnt while working towards NSG was much more important than the result I had attained, and the learning outcomes that I had were much more meaningful during this NSG season!



↘ Netball

Nanyang Netball B Division Team:

Nanyang Netball's NSG journey was one filled with many hardships. But with the team supporting each other, we managed to push through the tough times. We might not have achieved our desired goals this season but nevertheless, we are extremely proud of ourselves for doing our best. The memories created and friendships forged along the way will be extremely valuable to us. Thank you 教练, teachers, and our amazing team for making the Sec 4s' last season such an unforgettable one.



↘ Softball

Ayami (Captain):

I enjoyed playing against the other schools with my teammates. Our NSG season definitely bonded us closer together, even with the Sec 3s. Although it was only the second season, we were able to play to the best of our ability. I always looked forward to the bus rides to our competitors' schools, admiring their large fields and eating dinner together after games. I am grateful to be able to play with my team for one last season before we have to graduate.



↘ Table Tennis

Sofia (Vice Captain):

This was the first and last NSG in my time in Nanyang. Everyone was aiming to get first, and we all expected to get into finals. Sadly, we lost to Dunman during the semifinals. However, I was still really proud of my team as I knew many of us had worked hard and even trained outside of school for this competition. Additionally, our team really cheered hard for those playing that day and I think that was one of the most memorable parts of this year's NSG!



↘ Tennis

Katelyn (Captain):

As this was my last year representing Nanyang to compete in the National School Games, my teammates and I approached each match with the same goal – to be able to spend our last year together and give it our best shot. Since it was not our first time participating in NSG, we were not too nervous and were excited. We trained hard before our season started as we were determined to get through the group stage and into the semi-finals. We managed to obtain 3rd place in the National School Games amidst all the hard work and I am grateful for the memories that we created together as a team.



↘ Track and Field

Ting Wei (Captain):

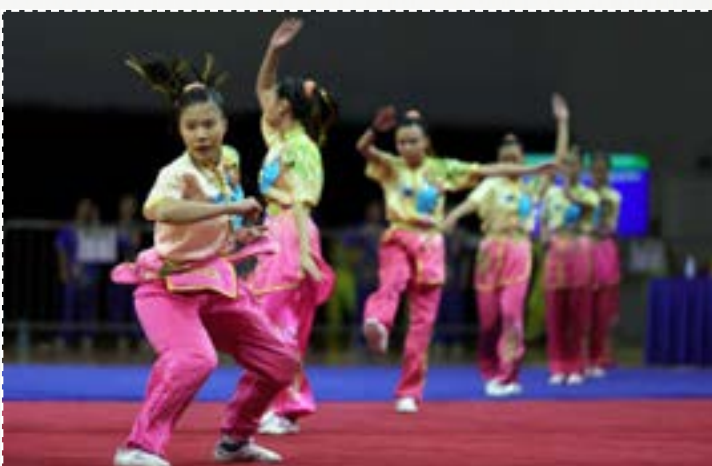
We were all very excited for NSG because this year, it was finally back to being held at the Sports Hub. I am immensely proud that NYTF gave our best in NSG, clinching individual and division titles. The strong team spirit shown in the journey leading up to NSG is what brought us together as one NYTF family, supporting and motivating each other throughout tough periods.



↘ Volleyball

Kaylin (Captain):

This year's NSG experience was really a very memorable one, and I want to thank all the coaches, teachers, teammates and our juniors for putting in a lot of effort to reach our goals. Although this season was filled with ups and downs, crying and so much more, I am really proud that we pulled through, and I wouldn't choose any other people to go through the season with. Good luck for the C division this year and B division next year!



↘ Wushu

Kaiqian (Captain):

With NSG season overlapping with WA season, this NSG was definitely not an easy one. We had to juggle between hectic training schedules and studies, and had our fair share of injuries and muscle aches. However, I am glad that we were all able to persevere and push through despite the tough times, allowing us to become stronger and more resilient.



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE EXPLORE 2023

A 3-Day Extravaganza of Making and Learning!

Written by Mdm Perinder Kaur D/O Kartar Singh

Excitement filled the air as our Primary 3 students eagerly anticipated the upcoming FLL Explore. The classroom, transformed into a vibrant innovation hub, sparked curiosity with colourful posters and illustrations. Themed “SUPERPOWERED,” the event gave students the chance to delve into energy sources, storage, distribution methods, and their environmental impact. Using LEGO® Education WeDo 2.0 sets, students created prototypes, tinkering and refining their designs with enthusiasm. The Show-and-Tell session on the third day showcased their hard work and problem-solving abilities. Students impressed peers and judges with their creativity, making the learning fest a lively celebration of their innovation.

Certificates of Participation were awarded to all students, reflecting their sense of accomplishment. Exceptional teams were honoured during the ceremony, motivating students to strive for excellence. The National First LEGO League Explore Competition finals took place on April 17, 2023, at Canadian International School. The top 3 teams in all categories participated, displaying their selected prototypes.

Amid cheers, winners were announced. Tristan Ng Yuan Wen and Wong Ruichen received the Team Spirit Award, reflecting their collaborative nature. Luo Minxuan, Tan Hiok Kai Ted, Toh Jia Hui, and Zou Dingfu Maxine were recognized with the second Team Spirit Award for their exceptional support and encouragement. Chan Wan-Jeun Luke, Victoria Kate Shen, and Yuki Takahashi-Lim were honoured with the Construction Award for their precise building and engineering skills, demonstrating a deep understanding of the theme.

The FLL Explore sparked students’ interest in real-world problem-solving and unleashed their creativity. It empowered NYPS students, transforming them from consumers to creators. This competition provided a platform

for applying knowledge and skills to develop solutions for real-world problems. It highlighted the power of innovation and the importance of empowering students to shape the future. With its dynamic atmosphere and inspiring achievements, the FLL Explore event left a lasting impact on students, fostering a passion for innovation and problem-solving. The journey from conceptualization to prototype creation demonstrated the students’ growth and ability to think critically.



Through the National First LEGO League Explore Competition, students gained valuable experiences and learned from other talented participants. The event showcased their potential to make a positive impact on society through their innovative solutions.

As the curtains closed on the event, students left with newfound confidence and a sense of pride in their accomplishments. The FLL Explore had opened their eyes to the limitless possibilities of creativity, innovation, and the power to shape a better world.





FESTIVE SEASONS:

Strengthening Connections, Multiplying Love

Written by Ms Lee Nian Tjie



The Chinese Spring festival is a special period for reunions and togetherness. For a SAP school, the season is also one of great cultural significance. With well wishes hanging on our lips, we drink in the warmth and companionship that the gatherings and celebrations bring. This year, the school took time to extend the warmth of the season to the hearts of the elderly residents at Ng Teng Fong hospital, as well as some 300 needy households.

On the wet afternoon of 25 January, wishes of fortune and health carried by bold strokes on auspicious red paper made their way to the homes of seniors under the Lions Befrienders eldercare programmes and services in the Mei Ling street and Stirling Street area. Written by our Chinese Calligraphy students, the vibrant couplets added a dash of festivity to the school-wide Values-in-Action care bags that all classes prepared and our school leaders and staff hand-delivered. It was clear from the smiles on the faces of our staff and beneficiaries that the stormy weather did nothing to dampen our spirits.

In another part of the island, some 66 staff and students counted it their privilege to bring festive cheer to the elderly residents at Ng Teng Fong hospital, whose visiting plans might be hindered by their physical condition. Over a two-hour cultural programme on 3 February, participants had a jolly time over craft and calligraphy activities surrounding the festive theme. Led by our P5 prefects and accompanied by the students from Chinese Calligraphy, Chinese Dance and Chinese Orchestra, the elderly were also treated to live performances and sing-along sessions.

From creating Chinese mandarin oranges out of netting to making bold strokes with Chinese Calligraphy brushes, the students patiently taught and guided the residents in activities rich in Chinese culture. For many of them, this was a rare opportunity to interact in Chinese dialect languages, something that not many were fluent in. In fact, this language barrier initially caused much worry among students who had little experience interacting with elderly folks. Fortunately, the initial reticence of both parties soon gave way to simple but earnest conversations as the residents bonded with our students over the hands-on activities. From the hearty singing heard at the end of the session, it was safe to assume that our message of care and love had reached the hearts of the residents and in return, warmed ours.





嘉言慎行 联系世界：

- 费萌主任 (特选部)

有朋自远方来不亦乐乎



清晨时分，一辆巴士载着满心期待的学子，驶入了加冕路的南小校园；学子们井然有序地下车，向等待已久的老师们行礼问好。难道又是南小习以为常的一天吗？不然，这群孩子们年龄虽与南小五年级学生的年龄相仿，但谈吐间操着一口流利的日语；没错，南小在疫情后，迎来了第一批慕名而来的海外交流团。这一组来自日本圣德小学的孩子将与南小参与外国语课程日语班的五年级学生进行交流、建立友谊；在一起游戏与聊天的同时，增进对于彼此之间文化的认识与了解。

这是一幅多么难能可贵的画面啊！在场的新日两地的师长们此时不禁百感交集。三年冗长的疫情阻断了不仅仅是新日两地学子之间的联谊，更是南小与海外所有配对学校正常的交流、浸濡活动。在线浸濡模式虽然取代了传统的跨校交流，为学生之间的互动提供桥梁，但其效果肯定无法与零距离的谈笑风生同日而语。

南小深知跨校交流所能为学生提供的诸多益处。其一，交流活动提供了独特的机会，使参与学生深入体验文化的异同。这种沉浸式体验培养了文化敏感性、同理心和更广阔的世界观。其二，孩子身处特定的语言环境中，可以深化语言的学习；通过不断的接触和练习，从而提高语言技能。发展第二语言甚至第三语言的熟练程度增强了孩子的沟通能力，并为未知的机遇打开了大门。其三，在外的生活体验能够扩展孩子的视野，培养其全球意识。学生自幼便对不同的文化规范、价值观和社会结构有更深入的了解；培养了对多样性的尊重、跨文化沟通技巧以及对不同生活方式的接受与赏析。机不可失不再来，两校学子牢牢地把握住了有限的交流时间，在两校老师的精心策划下，学生们通过独具传统风味、文化色彩的活动，深刻地感受到了新日两地文化的博大精深、异曲同工之妙，同时也建立了深厚的友情。

“嘉言慎行 联系世界”自2017年以来便是南洋小学四大核心导向之一，愿南小学子承先启后，扮演起南小甚至是新加坡的“大使”一职，联系文明、搭建友谊，学成后为区域乃至世界担当起桥梁、枢纽的重要角色。



薪火相传 本土文化

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多元种族文化的融合是新加坡最具魅力的特点之一。然而，随着科技的日新月异、时代的变迁、新加坡的高度国际化，保留、传承和发扬本土文化遗产变得至关重要。只有了解和认同我国的独有文化，下一代才能将其发扬光大。因此，树立对于本土文化的认同感，自豪感，能够进一步加强国人对于新加坡人这一身份的共识，让每一代国人在这片土地上生根、发芽、壮大。

南小身为特选学府之一，多年来致力于为学生营造双语、双文化的学习环境，以便让其成为学贯中西、扎根于优秀传统文化价值观的双语人才。尤其是在母语学习这一块，学生通过学与习，奠定其文化根基，在了解了自身族群文化特点后，进而达成保留、传承和发扬本土文化遗产的目标。以特选课程部为例，部门必须确保校本课程与时俱进，内容贴近学生的生活；在教学手法上采用多种学习策略，营造新颖、有趣且有效的学习氛围，调动学生的学习积极性和求知欲，从而达到最佳的学习效果、学习目标。特选课程校本的特点之一就是真实情境、虚拟动画和新颖游戏推动学生学习和探索新加坡的本土文化元素，如文学、音乐、美食、艺术等。

为了培养对华文和本土文化的鉴赏能力，六年级学生通过校本课程“听”到了新谣的声音。新谣是我国极具特色的流行文化之一，学生通过一系列游戏，如《听歌曲猜歌名》、《看歌词猜歌名》和《我要唱下去》，感染到新谣的独特魅力，在学习的同时也能得到身心的放松。一曲《细水长流》让小六准毕业生们感同身受，更不约而同地反馈在备战考试前能够有这样的学习环节不仅长了见识，也让他们乐在其中。

对于灌输本土文化的认识，我们怎能忽视新加坡多元融合的美食文化？通过与新加坡华族文化中心的深度合作，我校为三年级学生策划了《美食解密》展及配套教学活动。学生通过有趣、互动的体验，协同伙伴一同探索小贩美食的起源。孩子们扮演起侦探的角色，解开了一道道菜肴材料的谜团。展览设置了多个调查场景，例如在“案发现场”了解酿豆腐，或在“法医实验室”分析不同肉骨茶汤汁的颜色差异。随后，学生们分享了他们最喜欢的本土美食。有些学生还能滔滔不绝地介绍展览以外的美食，充分展现了他们的自主学习能力。通过老师布置的线上作业，学生还在家中与家长一起制作本土美食，并录制视频与同学、老师“切磋厨艺”。参与其中的家长对这种互动方式示感到新奇，同时给予认同。

“土生文化”是我们目前校本课程的最新学习单元。“土生文化”的由来与演变充分体现了我国多元文化、多元种族不断适应的历史进程，与时俱进的精神，值得我们深入探讨。在这个课题上，我们与土生文化博物馆合作，让四年级学生有机会初步了解土生华人的由来、历史、建筑物、服饰和名人，还亲身体验了设计瓷砖、彩珠鞋等活动。学生们也有机会参观相关展览并完成线上活动。学生得以实践“做中学，学中觉”，新旧更替之下，寻找其文化价值和意义。

亚洲区域独有的文化、音乐、戏剧、文学和艺术作品在国际上日渐引起关注，我国本地人才也逐渐在国际舞台上脱颖而出。南小希望我校精心设计的校本课程不仅能让学习对于本土文化产生认同感并且引以为傲，其学习成果也利于我国各族群之间的相互了解，使新加坡这岛国继续大放异彩。





Nanyang Kindergarten

Graduation Concert



The entire team at Nanyang Kindergarten is thrilled to finally hold a full-scale graduation concert for our kindergarten children after the lifting of Covid restrictions. This has been a long-awaited event, and we are overjoyed to finally be able to celebrate the achievements of our young students in a grandiose way.

The graduation concert is an important milestone for our kindergarten children, and it is a time for them to showcase their talents and hard work to their families and friends. It is a culmination of all the learning and growth that has taken place over the past year, and it is an opportunity for our young learners to feel proud of what they have accomplished.

From the school's point of view, organising a full-scale graduation concert is no easy feat. It requires months of planning and preparation, from selecting the music and choreography to designing the costumes and props. However, seeing the joy on the faces of our young students as they perform on stage makes all the hard work worthwhile.

In addition to being a celebration of our kindergarten children's achievements, the graduation concert also marks a new chapter in their lives as they move on to primary school. It is a time for them to say goodbye to their teachers and classmates and to reflect on the memories they have made during their time in kindergarten.



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