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PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE , SERVICE TO ALL

IMUNC was held from 5th to 7th of June at Anglo-Chinese School Independent. It is an annual event organised by the Young Diplomats Society – a hallmark conference in Singapore’s Model United Nations (MUN) calendar. IMUNC aims to present every delegate with an experience that will enrich their understanding about global affairs and diplomacy. It simulates the challenges of international cooperation while providing students with the platform to discuss pertinent global issues with like-minded peers.

IMUNC brings delegates together to tackle global issues in a welcoming environment and to negotiate disputes in a diplomatic and objective manner. It will also help delegates to hone their public speaking, research and critical thinking skills, as students take on the mantle of delegates in the various United Nations (UN) committees.



Our proud delegates were:

Louis Chow (Class 3E2) Delegate of Hellenic Republic in the General Assembly.

Khaylanissa Sefiyo (Class 3E2) Delegate of the Kingdom of Spain in the General Assembly.

Zyryn Lee Pecson Manalansan (Class 4E2) Delegate of the Kingdom of Spain in the Disarmament and International Security Committee.

Soukkaseum Mounghoun (Class 4E2) Delegate of the Russian Federation in the United Nations Security Council.

Wongreantong Madtika (Class 4E2) Delegate of the Russian Federation in the United Nations Security Council.

Pan Xiaodi (Class 4E2) Delegate of the Kingdom of Spain in the Food and Agricultural Organisation.

Soh Zi Ning, Andrea (Class 4E6) Army Commander of Homs, Syria in the Joint Crisis Committee.



*“I experienced what it was like to be in a Joint Crisis Committee. (JCC). The JCC was extremely fast paced, with sudden situations being presented and information being circulated. We had to predict and guess which information was true to have an advantage over the opponent. Having the role of Mustafa Tlass, the Army Commander of Homs, made me think about how fast we could go from extreme victories to immediate withdrawals.”*



Andrea Soh, 4E6



*"Because of MUN, I came to a realisation that the world is not as peaceful as I think it is. Countries are constantly at war and some are not willing to compromise or listen to others. In the Security Council that I was in, we debated on issues like nuclear weapons and North Korea. I learnt that there are many influences that play a part in affecting the outcome of a problem whether favourable or not. The United Nations stands for world's peace and security and clearly, we are far away from that."*



Wongreantong Madtika, 4E2

*"MUN was great as everyone put aside their differences and worked together with other delegates to produce the resolution to solve a real world problem. MUN also provided an opportunity for delegates to share their opinion on the world issues. Lastly, MUN allowed participants to develop skills such as public speaking skills and debate skills."*



Soukkaseum Mounghoun, 4E2

The objectives of IMUNC 2018 are as follows:

- ★ To present every participant with an experience that will enrich their understanding about global affairs and international relations
- ★ To provide every participant with the platform to discuss pertinent global issues with like-minded peers
- ★ To simulate challenges of international cooperation in a setting that is welcoming for all participants



As part of the preparation for IMUNC 2018, our students attended four intensive training sessions leading up to the actual conference. These sessions prepared participants to understand how the United Nations works, how to write proposals, and give confident public speeches.

The students were amazed by the vast amount of current affairs topics that they did not know about. Their exposure to a large community of motivated students who were challenging themselves to solve these problems also inspired our students. The delegates' hard work throughout the three days of the conference culminated in an International Night. Held on the last day of the conference, it allowed delegates to unwind, celebrate their achievements and look back on the memories and new friendships forged.



In late July 2018, the school installed an urban farm greenhouse. Called the Mendel's Garden, it is a new type of Science Laboratory! We have been hard at work designing lessons around it for the Lower Secondary Science syllabus. The Secondary 1E2 students participated in a Science curriculum that involves the application of Science concepts like photosynthesis, ecology, gardening and energy as they grow crops in the "Mendel's Garden".

*"This activity promoted rich learning and they were interactive as we all could do things by ourselves to literally experience them. I hope we will have more fun learning activities like this one in the future."*

 Cao Yurong , 1E2



The vertical farming system consists of rotating tiers of growing troughs which can accommodate different growing media such as soil or hydroponics. The troughs rotate slowly around an aluminium frame to ensure that the plants receive uniform sunlight, irrigation and nutrients as they pass through different points in the structure.


For the Secondary One students, learning came alive as students were involved in hands-on, experiential learning which allowed them to apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of real-world contexts. The authentic learning afforded by the "Mendel's Garden" builds on the learning in the classroom and nurtures an interest in learning in Science.



## Mendel's Garden – Science Comes Alive!



*"I learnt about planting and the benefits of using vertical farming. At the same time, we could interact more with our classmates on how to plant the plants. We also learnt about photosynthesis, dependent, independent and constant variables."*

Angie Lim, 1 E2 

The objectives of "Mendel's Garden" are

- ★ To develop independent thinking, scientific curiosity and scientific inquiry skills through authentic learning which incorporates 21 CC.
- ★ To provide opportunities for the application of Science concepts through real time, hands-on experiential learning.
- ★ To develop entrepreneurial dare in students so that they will apply what they learn and act on developing their passions.
- ★ To appreciate the efforts in strengthening food supply resilience given Singapore's limited resources.

Each growing cycle lasts 27 days and students grew three types of vegetables in the vertical farming facility. These vegetables were Brassica rapa (Xiao Bai Cai), Mao Bai and Amaranthus viridis L (Spinach). On 23rd August, students were involved in direct sowing of seeds and on the 18th of September the students reaped the benefits of their hard work – the harvesting of the vegetables. The Mendel's Garden harvests generated a lot of interest in gardening. Curious staff and students look forward to more opportunities to be involved in growing and learning in Mendel's Garden.



For the first time ever, our school conducted a lockdown drill and evacuation to an external holding area, Anderson Junior College, on 19th July. Teachers and students alike locked themselves in classrooms and practised how to hide in silence. Anti-terror drill such as this is to train students to react and manage themselves in the event of such an incident. The drill familiarised staff and students, including Pathlight students with the following:

- ★ Coded Announcement to initiate Lockdown
- ★ Sequence of activities and necessary procedures from School Lockdown to Evacuation to EHA



*"This was the first time I participated in a drill like this. It was actually quite scary to hide under the tables and remain silent. I realised that to be prepared and knowing what to do is important in the face of crisis."*



Izzul Syahiran , 4E5



Generally, the exercise was conducted successfully. All the objectives of the exercise were achieved. The staff and students adhered to the instructions and were able to exercise the school lockdown and evacuate to the EHA promptly. This is the first time that the school has conducted an evacuation exercise to the External Holding Area (EHA) at Anderson Junior College. It was also the first time a school safety drill was practised with school partners such as the staff and students of Pathlight School. It marks an important commitment to keeping everyone safe to the best of our abilities.



The YCKSS Showtime! gives students the opportunity to showcase their talents and interest in the performing arts. In a casual and relaxed setting, students performed to their peers a variety of song and dance items ranging from K-Pop dance and rock band performances to solo dance and solo vocal rendition.

This popular much-anticipated event was held in the Music Room on the 1st of August. The students involved were mainly from the AMD Music and a mixture of Secondary Two and Three students. The audience who came to support and cheer the performers were captivated by the song and dance performances. Even though the performers were nervous, they were energised when they heard their friends cheering them on.

*"When I heard about the 2nd YCKSS Showtime, I was very excited. As an extrovert, I love performing and just being in front of crowds. Performing in front of people helped me to practise my singing and showmanship and I got better at performing. I was so glad that I was chosen to perform again, and I hope I get to participate the next year too!"*



Olivia Yi-Le Hatton, 2E1



*"I was happy when I first heard that our school would be showcasing some of the talents during the lunchtime concert. My group and I decided that we would be dancing to a k-pop song. We needed discipline to learn the moves and practise as a group. We stayed back after school quite often in order to improve our performance. I was a little slow at learning the dance moves, thus, I struggled a bit and was frustrated. However, I was happy to have my group help me out. In the end, we performed our dance and received positive feedback on our performance."*



Adele Neo Shin Yee, 2E2



*"The YCKSS Showtime! allowed us to showcase our talents beyond the platform of our CCAs. I was very glad to have a group of friends who shared the same interest as me and we decided to form a dance group to put up a dance cover for the second Showtime! Through this experience, I learnt to be patient and resilient. We had to be patient with everyone as we learnt the choreography. Although there were times when we wanted to give up, we encouraged each other and persevered through. On the day of the performance, the crowd cheered us on which gave me a great sense of satisfaction."*



Vanessa Cheong Hai Ling, 2E2







Celebrating the Nation's 53rd Birthday in 2018, YCKSS put forward a day's worth of activities to enhance our perceptions of the Past, Present and Future of Singapore.

The morning began with a ceremonious parade by the Uniformed Groups with a combined UG Guard of Honour. The parade took the YCKSS 2018 theme of "Together We are Stronger" to a new level! Led by Master Sergeant Suzairi B Zulkifli from Secondary 3T1, the uniformed groups put up an impressive display of unity.

*"I felt nervous being put in charge of the combined UG Guard of Honour, but at the same time I felt honoured to be chosen. I appreciated how the teachers and students came together and worked hard for the event."*



Suzairi B Zulkifli, 3T1



Our students also had the chance to learn more about one of our founding fathers – Mr Jek Yuen Thong who passed away on 3rd June 2018. They learnt about his contributions to modern Singapore and gained a deeper appreciation of the turbulent past that Singapore emerged from. During this special CCE lesson, students were also given a chance to pen their wishes for SG100 on little pieces of paper shaped as leaves and fruits of success. These were added to the class trees at the end of the lesson.

Lastly, the students gathered in the school hall and enjoyed a very special National Day Concert. The School Band and Choir, enlivened the event with their pieces and got the audience singing along and swaying with rhythm. During the Sing-along Session, the whole school sang National Day songs that the whole school had voted on earlier. The students sang the crowd favourites with gusto. The concert came to a close with the timeless classic “Home”, reminding one and all that this was truly our one, beloved home – Singapore.

*“I was happy that the event went well. My AVA team and I worked hard with the teachers’ guidance and it’s great to see everyone enjoying themselves”*



Oh Jia Hui, 3A2



TAP is a series of art sessions held after school for interested students. It aims to develop the talent of students in various visual art forms and to use teachable moments to inculcate values such as Respect and Teamwork. TAP was conducted from May to July and consisted of six sessions on Wednesday afternoons. These sessions developed the talent of students in various visual art forms. Students experimented in pebble art using the dotting technique, self-portrait using paper cutting, 3-D sphere painting and canvas painting. Through these sessions, students from different classes had a good chance to make new friends.

These weekly sessions in school culminated in the Yellowren Arts Festival held on the 18th of August at Lower Seletar Reservoir Park. Students proudly presented their art works in an exhibition booth and gained confidence by explaining their artwork to members of the public. Students even shared the skills of creating pebble art with young children who were fascinated by the process. Our students enjoyed the programme and developed the confidence to engage the public during the festival.

*"It was really fun. Friends coming together to create beautiful art pieces was an amazing experience. We were not given any specific things to paint, just what was on our minds. This allowed us to get creative and to be more confident when it came to sharing our thoughts and emotions so we could easily open up to others."*

 Jerryl Tan Ming Jie, 2E2



The Healthcare Mentorship Programme held from the 3rd to the 7th of September at Thye Hua Kwan Hospital, was introduced to allow a few of our Secondary Three Express students to understand the relevance of Biology to the medical industry and to equip them with an insight of the running of various departments within a hospital setting.

Students were paired up and each pair was given the chance to be attached to doctors, nurses, therapists and service staff throughout the entire attachment to learn about the true workings within a hospital. Students were excited to learn how biology, a subject which they learn could be applied to the real world context. Students were also fascinated with the complexity of the running of a hospital and gained some insights about how the various departments of a hospital is organised.

*"I noticed that Dr Suren and Dr Nathan consulted each other when they were in doubt. This observation showed me that studying Medicine is not only about memorising texts from books and lecture notes, but it is also about learning from one's experience and from others. In the future, I hope I can partake in learning from senior doctors and treat patients of my own. This attachment programme has been very fruitful and it has inspired me to work in the healthcare industry and contribute to society. I felt it was a once-in-a lifetime experience for a 15-year-old like me to be able to be part of this extraordinary programme. It has encouraged me to study harder for Biology. I hope future participants can reap as many benefits as I had from the experiences."*



Tan Huey Shin, 3E2



Students were given a rare opportunity to be attached to the Pharmacy Department within the hospitals. During the attachment, they learnt that a pharmacist plays an essential role in ensuring the safety of patients by helping to check that medication prescribed by doctors is correct. After the attachment, students realised that the professions in the Pharmacy Department are often overlooked as the spotlight is usually on the doctors and nurses within the healthcare industry.

Mr Palan, the Executive of Medical Services was very impressed with our YCKsians. He commented that "our students displayed a positive attitude to learn. They were enthusiastic and were respectful too. From their feedback, I apprised that they were truly observant when attached to the different disciplines. Well-disciplined students! I would also like to take this opportunity to convey my appreciation to Huey Shin who was the student in-charge. She was indeed an exemplary learner."



The much-anticipated Homecoming event was held in the evening of 21st September. It was organised to enhance the good rapport among the alumni of CBSS and YCKSS staff members and it was also to instill a sense of belonging and school pride. It also helped to convey that merged school respects and treasures the alumni of both schools.

That evening marked the inaugural Homecoming 2018 – Lantern Nite for Yio Chu Kang Secondary School. It was heartening to see the overwhelming response of 200 Staff, Alumni and Ex-staff of both CBSS and YCKSS that night. They had a great time mingling, reminiscing old memories and forging new friendships. Highlights of the night included tea and mooncake appreciation, origami lantern making and penning well-wishes as well as lantern parade. The older folks were delighted to rekindle their friendships whereas the young at heart were thrilled to walk in the dark around the school.



*"It was great to be back in school again! I had the opportunity to catch up with my friends and teachers. The lantern parade was especially interesting and I enjoyed myself walking around in the dark."*



Chua Shan Qing, Alumni





For CBSS Alumni, the programme was extra special and included a pre-event tour of their former school site which now is home to Eden School. It was indeed a nostalgic trip down memory lane for CBSS Alumni as they toured the former Chong Boon Secondary site. The building might have changed but the fond memories were still so vivid for them. We are grateful for the generosity of the Management of Eden School for allowing CBSS alumni the rare chance of touring the campus after work hours.



*"The feeling was awesome and I could sense the excitement and happiness among everyone who stepped into the old school site - CBSS. We were happy to be 'Home'."*



Prakash Ezekiel Kumaran, Alumni



The Graduation Ceremony for our seniors was held on Friday, 28th September. It was a formal send-off for our graduating classes. It was also to recollect memorable moments together and to celebrate the achievements attained throughout the four to five years in school. As a special gesture of blessing to send them on their way beyond YCKSS, every student was given a special keychain customised with their names and year. Teachers took this opportunity to convey best wishes and encouragement for upcoming exams and their future.



*"The Graduation Ceremony was a memorable experience. We felt special on the day as the graduating classes gathered together as a cohort to celebrate the times we had together as a school. We had such a good time and we will never forget this day. We appreciate the programmes planned as well as the gifts given by the school and teachers."*

 Tan Jun Ren Shoun, 5A1

The formal ceremony was held in the school hall and was attended by School Leaders, Form Teachers and Subject Teachers of the graduating classes. The Valedictorian Speech was delivered by both our Council Presidents representing Chong Boon Secondary and Yio Chu Kang Secondary class of 2018. These were followed by speeches from Class Representatives. These speeches were well-received by the students and they applauded as their classmates went on stage to share highlights of their time together and picture collages of memorable moments of their classes. This brought out both laughter and tears from their classmates. The teachers, then, distributed meaningful and practical gifts to the students and encouraged them to do their best and never to give up.



Besides the Academic awards which were presented to the academically inclined students of the cohort, there were also the Superlative Awards such as Spectacular Speaker, Stylista and Sunshine Smile that appreciated other students. The Class of the Year Award was bagged by 4E2 and their entire class cheered and went on stage to receive the award with their proud Form Teachers, Mdm Connie Yeo and Mrs Illango.

The students were treated to a sumptuous buffet lunch and they spent time chatting with other subject teachers recalling the beautiful memories they had in school.



*"The Graduation Ceremony was very touching as it got the seniors together to reminisce the times we journeyed as students of Yio Chu Kang Secondary School. The speeches by the Class Representatives reminded us to give our best for the future."*



Soukkaseum Mounghoun, 4E2

*"The Graduation Ceremony was simply amazing. It was filled with wonderful segments especially the Superlative Awards. It was really innovative as we got to see how some of the students were being recognised for their unique talents. Everyone had a great time and I will definitely miss the school. The Graduation Ceremony definitely made us feel proud to be part of Yio Chu Kang Secondary School."*



Maneesha Kaur Minhas, 4E3





Held on 28th September in the school hall, the AMD Showcase was a platform for our students to display their talents and to apply the knowledge and skills learnt through their AMD Modules.

The Secondary Two cohort put on a show for the whole school through their song, dance and drama performances during the Assembly period. Students from the Short Film Production and Interior Design modules also showcased their work and explained to the audience their creative processes and the end products.

Our student performers rallied and supported each other as they took turns to wow the audience. Both teachers and students gave positive feedback on the quality of performance and the talents that were evident through this concert.

This year, YCKSS gave out the inaugural Outstanding Student Award to five individuals from each of the five modules. These students were awarded for being positive role models to their peers in their pursuit to hone their craft in Arts, Media and Design.

The winners are:

- ★ Nur Fae'iqah Ruqayyah Binte Abdullah (Class 2E2) for Modern Dance
- ★ Liu Chang Bo (Class 2E2) for Drama
- ★ Dacanay Norvin Cj Marc Gongon (Class 2A1) for Music (Rock & Pop)
- ★ Jensen Lee Ming Heng (Class 2E2) for Short Film Production
- ★ Huang Zihang (Class 2E2) for Interior Design



*"I felt that our cohort's AMD Showcase was great in terms of quality and variety. I felt so proud watching my friends perform on stage and wished I could perform as well. Nevertheless, we sang along when the Music Rock and Pop bands performed and even shouted out the lyrics as if we were in a rock band concert! This showcase really proved that YCKSS students are talented!"*



Bulnes Roque Eliseo Billena , 2A1





*"I presented my Short Film for the AMD Showcase. Initially, I was very nervous as I was not used to presenting on stage. But my anxiety faded away and I became more confident as I shared my project with the school without a hitch. Overall, the AMD Showcase was a fun and amazing opportunity for us to showcase our talents and what we have learnt during AMD lessons."*



Jensen Lee Ming Heng, 2E2

*"I felt proud to share my AMD Interior Design project with the school as I had really put in a lot of effort to complete the project. I was completely amazed by my friends' performances as well. I really think that all of us did a great job for this AMD Showcase."*



Huang Zihang, 2E2



## De Starry Plate



It all started with our Principal, Mrs Carol Lim who believes in the creativity of our Art Elective students. She seeded the possibilities in external organisations and Tru-Marine, a local small and medium enterprise (SME), proposed a rare and treasured opportunity to design the President's Volunteerism & Philanthropy (PVPA) trophy tasked by National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC).

The collaboration led to a visit by Mr Aaron Gan, a local watercolourist, to share about his journey as an artist and the thought process behind his watercolour creations to our students. Goh Yee Fong was so motivated that it stirred her creative juices who went on to design De Starry Plate, inspired by his award winning piece, Starry Night. "The upward pointing geometry reflects our value of progress. In between these steps aspiring upwards, sometimes something brilliant occurs and it makes all the difference," explained Yee Fong of her eye-catching design.



We are indeed privileged to have one of our art designs turned into reality. The design became the trophies with Yee Fong's design which were presented to eight recipients at the PVPA Ceremony on 24th October 2018 by President, Mdm Halimah Yacob.





The students from the School Choir, Modern Dance and Secondary 3T1 class were part of the Deepavali celebrations at the Singapore Association for Mental Health (SAMH) at Activity Hub @ Pelangi Village on 2nd November 2018. The Choir took charge of the community singing segment and got the audience involved in singing along. The performance by our Modern Dance group wowed the audience who were tapping their feet in accompaniment to the music. Our Secondary 3T1 student buddies interacted with the residents during the concert and gave out snacks to them during the concert break time.

*"I felt satisfied helping out at SAMH by making them much happier in life! I hope to volunteer again soon!"*



Chay Hui Si, 3T1

The interaction with SAMH enabled our students to develop social consciousness in the context of improving the life of the residents within the community and how they can continue to contribute meaningfully to society. They heard about the experiences of the residents and developed a sense of empathy. As for the residents, they were thrilled to have young and lively students to accompany them and engage in conversations with them.

*"At first I felt a little nervous but I just went ahead and introduced myself to the uncles. I had a conversation with them about my student life, the food I like and they shared their life experiences with me. It was a very meaningful experience for me to be able to show care and concern to the residents."*



Isaac Tan Jie Xiang, 3T1



On 12th November, about 70 students from seven primary schools in the N6 Cluster spent a fun-filled day at YCKSS. The students were from Anderson Primary School, CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls School, Huamin Primary School, Naval Base Primary School, North View Primary School, Peiyong Primary School and Yishun Primary School.

The Media & Design (M&D) Festival is celebrated to promote greater student interest in Media & Design through exposing participants from Primary schools to three workshops, namely 3D Animation, Videography and Aeronautics & Robotics. This provides an opportunity for participants to acquire and apply basic M&D knowledge and skills to create quality products. At the same time, it allows the students from YCKSS Infocomm Club as well as Mechatronics, Aeronautics & Robotics (MARs) Club to develop leadership and communication skills through guiding and supporting participants in their learning activities.

*"The Media & Design Festival gave me the opportunity to pass on my knowledge of videography to the primary school students. From this event, I gained leadership qualities, such as confidence and communication, which will help me in future."*



Glenda Quek Si Jie, 2E2

Learning was indeed taking place while they were having fun at our 'Play with Us' workshops. For those who signed up for the 3D Animation workshops, the Primary school students learnt to create their very own island and animate the characters they had chosen. For Aeronautics & Robotics, they learnt to code a drone to manoeuvre its flight and to participate in a drone flight tournament. This is a newly-introduced activity in the Festival. For those in Videography, they picked up skills on story-boarding and camera techniques to produce a short film.



The segment conducted by the MARs Club on drone-flying was a newly-introduced activity in the Festival. It was a great success as it excited the students who were enthusiastic and thrilled to learn new skills, especially in the Drone Flying Tournament.

After the workshops, the students participated in 'The Tech Challenge' where they displayed their creativity and innovativeness in a friendly challenge among themselves, and there were lots of trophies that were given out in recognition of their efforts!



*"I learnt how to use a drone and got to know more people from different schools."*

 Richie Cheah Chen Li,  
 Naval Base Primary School

*"I learnt about 3D modelling as well as animation tricks and techniques."*

 Marimuthu Shrudhi  
 Yishun Primary School



The Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) programme was organised for the first time for the Secondary Three Normal Technical students in 2018. The NFTE programme is a 60-hour customised entrepreneurship curriculum which includes modules like Opportunity Recognition, Market Research, Financial Projections and Cost, Marketing and Pitching.

In this programme, the students learnt about the business concepts through games and hands-on activities, talks and learning journey by the adult mentors from corporate partners of Aon Hewitt Singapore.

This programme has enhanced the students' self-esteem and transferred negative mindsets and beliefs into resilient ones. The students learnt about public speaking and showed how they were able to think critically when they were preparing for the business proposal. This programme reinforced important values, attitudes and life-skills to meet the challenges of the future.



After the 60 hours of training, the students presented their business plans and made their pitch during the school-based Finals which were held on 12th September 2018. The Final was judged by Mrs Carol Lim, Principal, Miss Peggy Phor, Marketing Manager of Aon Hewitt Singapore and Mr Pudon Tsang, Leadership Development Consultant from Halogen Foundation.

The top 3 finalists were Isaac Tan Jie Xiang, Chay Hui Zi and Siranjeeviraja. They were given the opportunity to represent the school to present their business plans and proposal at NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge on the 14th November 2018.



What a night to remember! Our students were dressed to the nines ready to paint the town red. The much anticipated event, Graduation Night 2018 was held at YWCA Sophia Cooke Ballroom on 19th November. It was indeed a celebration of graduation from Secondary school education and the end of the National Examinations.



*"I truly enjoyed Grad Night as it got me excited getting dressed for the event. It was a poignant event and as it came to an end we were left with sweet nostalgic memories."*

 Dacanay Shemaiah Jenn Gongon, 4A1



*"Graduation night was definitely an enriching experience where all of us had fun together enjoying the performances and taking photos before we separate into different paths. Tonight was surely a night to remember for the rest of my life"*

 Soukkaseum Mounghoun, 4E2





Dressed to the theme of Smart Casual, the students came early to interact with their peers and teachers. The guests were entertained throughout the night with a series of lucky draws and table games that got them on their feet. The sumptuous dinner was a gastronomical treat for the students.

*"I felt a sense of closure at the Grad Night. It wrapped up all our memories and experiences in YCK. The games hosted by the emcees made the night enjoyable and exciting. The atmosphere was fun and joyous and we had a great time taking photos with our teachers and friends."*



Chu Chiao Xuan, 4E4

The highlight of the night was the Prom King and Queen segments where the contestants competed against each other. The night came to an end with the crowning of Julius Eustacio Reyes from 4E1 as the Prom King and Sherlyn Yan Wen Lin from 4E1 as Prom Queen. It was a memorable experience for the Class of 2018.



When schools, parents, and communities work as partners, great things can happen in the lives of our students. One of the ways in increasing our school's effort in contributing to the neighbourhood and community is through participating in events. This allows our students to interact and make new friends in the spirit of promoting community bonding.

#### [SYF 2018 Celebrations Festival Concert @ Esplanade – 30th June 2018](#)

The school was invited by the Arts Education Branch (MOE) to create a fusion dance, performing it in synchrony with Nanyang Girls High. Our item entitled "Dance Tapestry" embodied the rich array of traditional and contemporarily trained dancers coming together. Instructors and students worked hard to synthesise their ideas to co-create a collective artistic vision. It truly captured the Singapore spirit of different ethnic groups and races working in harmony and becoming stronger together!

The Minister of Education, Mr Ong Ye Kung, who was the guest of honour commented that the performance was a mesmerising one, representing the uniqueness of Singapore culture.

#### [Yio Chu Kang Community National Day Observance Ceremony @ Ang Mo Kio Central Stage – 4th & 25th August 2018](#)

The members of the unique fusion dance who performed at SYF 2018 Celebrations were invited to perform on the 4th and 25th August for the Yio Chu Kang Community events as its choreography was meaningful and inspiring. The dedication and the teamwork of the dancers were obvious. Through the additional opportunities to perform in public and bring the message of the dance to the community, the dancers grew more confident.

*"Initially, we were worried about not being able to catch up with the movements from other dance groups. Some of the dance movements required us to be soft and gentle while others required us to be strong and sharp. From the trainings we had so far, the collaborations and positive interactions with our peers helped us to have a deeper understanding of the various styles. This helped us to better appreciate each individual dance better."*

 Sakthi Priya, 3E4 and Anis Liyana Putri, 1E1



### Yio Chu Kang Youth Sports Fiesta 3V3 Basketball Tournament – 4th August 2018

Our students participated in the Yio Chu Kang Youth Sports Fiesta 3V3 Basketball Tournament. The girl's team came in 3rd position and the two boys' team came in 3rd and 4th position. The students received their medals from the guest of honour, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Dr Koh Poh Koon.

The recent Yio Chu Kang National Day Observance Ceremony took place at Ang Mo Kio Central Stage. Sec 1A1 students and teacher were privileged to come together with the residents to commemorate and celebrate the patriotic moment for the nation's 58th birthday and achievements as one community.

The unique fusion dance troupe was invited to perform on the 4th and 25th August for the Yio Chu Kang Community events because of its meaningful choreography. The fusion dance featured the strong values of unity and harmony embodied by the different ethnic groups.



Yio Chu Kang Community Day @ Field outside Djitsun Mall – 25th August 2018

Our students participated in the Yio Chu Kang PAYM LOVE RED Community Games Day 2018. Each team consisted of 12 members from different age groups – elderly, primary school students and secondary school students. Together they went from game station to game station completing the tasks assigned and accumulated points. The guest of honour for this event was the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong. Upon arrival, he was introduced to all the participants and took a group photo. The last station was an exciting telematch. Teamwork played a vital role as the participants worked hand-in-hand to overcome the challenges. All participants went home with a medal for their efforts.

Form teachers and Secondary 1E1, 1E2 and 1E3 students were present as well to support the event, cheering our participants and dancers enthusiastically. They enjoyed the interactions with the community.

To show appreciation to the school's effort in engaging the community, our Principal, Mrs Carol Lim received the appreciation plaque from Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Dr Koh Poh Koon.



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