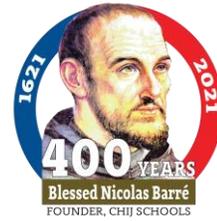




CHIJKATONG CONVENT

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Dear Parents & Guardians

April has always been an exciting month for us at CHIJ Katong Convent as our students participate in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) organised by the Ministry of Education to celebrate the diverse arts talents of our youths.

As part of the SYF, the biennial Arts Presentation (AP) is a performance benchmarking platform for schools to receive feedback and affirmation from a panel of adjudicators for continual learning and improvement. In view of the impact of COVID-19 on CCA, SYF 2021 AP has been modified to enable schools to participate based on the level of student readiness and in alignment with the prevailing Safe Management Measures (SMM). AP requirements have been adjusted to allow students to work towards an attainable level of performance. This opportunity saw our students in our six performing arts groups rising to the challenge to perfect that pitch, that move, that rhythm and synchronising every move and sound to achieve that perfect harmony as a group to touch the hearts of the audience and judges. There was the SYF buzz in every corner of the school – the Dance Studio, Black Box, Band Room, Music Room, AVA Room and other special CCA Rooms amidst SMM.

Out at the sports competition venues, our girls were flying the KC flag high with their courage, resilience and sportsmanship despite the tough competition from other schools and additional SMM. Though every miss was a painful experience, learning to move forward must be far honoured and cherished. Nothing could dampen the KC spirit and we salute all our sports girls for their grit and determination to stay steadfast in their mission. Prayers, good wishes, words of encouragement and congratulations flowed spontaneously among teachers and students to cheer the girls on.

Among other events which added to our students' school experience were our Easter Assembly, Humanities fieldtrips and other enrichment activities also conducted with SMM in mind. All were opportunities for the KC Family to come together to remind each other of the important things in life – celebrating our God-given talents and thanking God for all His special blessings on Katong Convent.

Easter Tuesday Assembly

The Easter message is one of hope and symbolises the love of God and the promise that man's soul is immortal. As a school, we had commemorated the season of Lent from Ash Wednesday through Holy week and finally Easter through our Morning Reflections, Mid-Day (Stations of the

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Cross) prayers and Angel and Mortal activity. This year in addition to the Angel and Mortal activity, we invited students to write a letter to the teacher angels about what they would like the teachers to pray for them. This was optional and only if students were comfortable sharing. About a hundred students responded to this invitation.

Easter was celebrated during the Tuesday assembly on 6 April with a Mass celebration led by Father Adrian Yeo of the Holy Family parish. The Mass was streamed live to the classes from the hall with about 50 students from the graduating cohort participating. Father's homily touched on the themes of reconciliation and redemption.

At the end of the Mass, student angels revealed themselves to their chosen mortals through the exchange of gifts, such as candies and simple letters of encouragement to affirm their friendship. As Singapore moves towards Phase 3 of re-opening the country and economy, the Easter celebration aptly ties in with all of us stepping out of the "dark tomb" of our experiences to seek the light of a new Easter dawn.

Math Olympiad

The learning for the Secondary 2 students commenced from 1 March to 12 April 2021 over Zoom. Associate Professor Toh Tin Lam, Deputy Head Mathematics & Mathematics Education at the National Institute of Education, helms the training programme which seeks to challenge and stretch our girls' mathematical potential. Students had the opportunity to delve into mathematics beyond the syllabus, exploring concepts in algebra, geometry, and number theory. Under Prof Toh's guidance, the girls learnt new concepts and honed their problem-solving skills by working on complex and challenging tasks in order to prepare them for the SMO competition on 2 June 2021. The girls enjoyed solving the non-routine problems individually and working closely with their peers in pairs, and appreciated Prof Toh's sincerity and patience in guiding them.

IJYM's Donation Drive for Visio Optical

IJYM organised a spectacle and sunglasses donation drive to benefit the second of our identified charities for 2021. Visio Optical runs a spectacle collection programme in order to provide spectacles for those in need. It does so by refurbishing donated eyewear to be re-issued to help recipients with limited means. These are beneficiaries who may otherwise remain without proper prescription glasses such as the elderly living in nursing homes and day-care centres, needy families and anyone referred to Visio Optical by other charitable organisations. Visio Optical also visits nursing homes and day-care centres to do on-site eye tests, prepares the spectacles with client-selected frames and delivers them to the centres.

IJYM ran the donation drive from 1 to 16 April and collected a boxful of prescription glasses, half a box of sunglasses and 2 boxes of spectacle cases. We are very grateful to all our donors who have made it possible for others to see well so that they can continue to lead meaningful lives.

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NCDCC Observance Day

Every year on 12 April, the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC) commemorates NCDCC Day. All NCDCC cadets and teacher officers wore their Uniformed Group (UG) uniform to school to commemorate the establishment of NCDCC in 2005 and their key history and milestones. In lieu of an actual ceremony outdoors, morning assembly was led by a few Secondary 4 NCDCC cadets via Zoom. Commandant NCDCC delivered his speech virtually and revealed the new NCDCC song, which was a testament to the UG's drive to renew, refresh and reinvent.

Geographical Investigation

To help the Secondary 3 Full Geography students understand the dynamism of coastal processes over space and the interaction of human and nature in the unit 'Should coastal environments matter?', they embarked on a coastal geographical investigation (GI) at East Coast Park where they measured wave characteristics, observed how beach materials were transported along the coast and also how the presence of human management structures altered coastal processes. This fieldwork engaged students in an authentic manner, enabling them to conduct a geographical inquiry of the different coastal processes at work in Singapore.

Similarly, the Secondary 3 Elective Geography students embarked on a weather and climate GI where they were tasked to investigate if different places within a small area (e.g. school compound) experienced different temperatures. They went to the different sites around the school to observe, measure, record and analyse the weather data collected. This geographical inquiry allowed students to uncover how variations in temperature across different places are affected by familiar local environmental factors such as the installation of air conditioners, grassy school field or the asphalt car park.

The Secondary 1 Geography students also embarked on their first GI journey this past month. Their GI focussed on understanding the factors affecting the water quality in the Siglap Canal and researching on ways to educate others about the importance of keeping our waterways clean.

They did this through observations of their surroundings, annotated sketches and tests on the water quality in the area. This hands-on experience in the field brought to life the value of our water resources and waterways. With the data collected in the field, students will draw conclusions to their investigation.

We hope that the Secondary 1 students will take these GI skills with them far beyond their secondary school years as they learn to make sense of the world around them.

Through all these GI experiences, students not only had the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of what they had learnt during their Geography lessons in class but they also managed to practise and hone GI-specific skills such as data collection, analyses and presentation. Their exposure to GI enabled them to develop an affinity for the environment as well as a sense of space, place, environment and scale; key concepts that underlie the Secondary Geography syllabus.

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Historical Investigation

This year, with the museums re-opening their doors to the public, the Humanities department's History unit, leveraged this opportunity to resume our out-of-school historical investigation work, to provide our students the experience of analysing primary sources and making conclusions from these primary sources as well as additional secondary sources provided by the teachers.

The Secondary 1 Express and Normal Academic students were brought to the National Museum of Singapore where they had to investigate whether the British government was effective at maintaining law and order in colonial Singapore.

At the museum, students explored the exhibits to develop a deeper understanding about the considerations and actions of the British and how this impacted the state of law and order in colonial Singapore. History came alive as students marvelled over the wide collection of historical artefacts and engaging exhibits on a range of interesting topics such as opium smoking, secret societies and piracy.

Historical Investigation promotes collaborative learning experiences as students shared and discussed their findings in groups. Hopefully from this experience, they would grow to develop empathy and the maturity to listen to differing perspectives to arrive at a consensus.

Beyond the work expectations, we were pleased to observe our students adhering to strict SMM and reminding their classmates to do their part to sanitise their hands, to stay within their small groups and not to mingle with the public. It was truly active citizenry in action.

Here are some reflections by two of our Secondary 1 students after their visit:

"The experience was much better than looking at our textbook. I developed a better understanding of Singapore during the colonial days and also learned from my classmates, as they had different perspectives on the same issue". Tong Kiyomi, Sec 1/3

"All the artefacts were very interesting and really beneficial for our learning. I was particularly amazed by the jewellery and accessories worn by the people of colonial Singapore. The artefacts gave us rich understanding of their lives! I enjoyed myself and hope to have more field trips in the future!" Andrea Amisha Anthony, Sec 1/4

Environment Matters!

KC continues to work towards environmental conservation and maintaining zero waste in our school. Every Wednesday, students who want to take away food from the canteen are encouraged to bring their own reusable containers as disposable bags would not be provided by the canteen vendors. This is done to discourage the use of single-use plastics as well as other disposable bags which are often not recyclable.

On 22 April, we celebrated Earth Day by turning off all air-conditioners in the school for one hour in the morning. We also shared with students several poignant messages about reassessing our

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habits to better protect Mother Nature. This was done through videos on the school's televisions as well as sharing during morning assembly.

In addition, we have started collecting electronic waste from staff and students in the school. Items such as batteries, wires, non-bulky electronic appliances can be deposited in the school's e-waste bin, located next to the main recycling bin in the lower foyer.

Arts and Culture

It was another busy month for the Arts Advocates as preparations for BMW 2021 had begun. On 20 April, the Arts and Culture Programme launched BMW 2021: A New Creation. This year's unveiling of KC's traditional arts festival took on new life with the Arts Advocates coming to the forefront to share with the school the various level activities they would be managing. From the Secondary 1 Myth Trailer to the Secondary 2 Spoken Word, from the perennial favourite the Secondary 3 Whose Room? to the Graduating Cohort's #OotD From Trash to Fash, the Arts Advocates injected enthusiasm in their sharing of the level myths and activities. The Secondary 3 Arts Advocates were also imbued with the newly minted role of BMW advisors to the Secondary 1 classes.

It was a fitting start to 2021's Book and Music Week as A New Creation reimagines a hybrid experience of BMW.

We continue to pray for the well-being of the KC Family and that each member will grow from strength to strength.

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely



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ACHIEVEMENTS

National School Games Bowling Championships 2021

Between 7 and 15 April, 16 upper secondary KC bowlers participated in the National School Games Bowling B Division Championships 2021. The bowlers competed with schools such as Singapore Sports School, Methodist Girls' School, St Margaret's Secondary School as well as girls representing the other schools in Singapore. Despite the stiff competition, we are pleased to share that KC emerged 4th overall, beating 13 other schools, with Amelynn Sim (Sec 4/1) emerging champion for the B Division Girls' Singles event. Amelynn's achievement marked a first for our school while also robbing Methodist Girls' School of a clean sweep of the girls' titles. Well done, Amelynn!

Congratulations to the following bowlers:

	Name	Class
1	SHANNON JOANNE LIOE	Sec 3/1
2	CHAN SZE WENG NATALIE	Sec 3/2
3	KAITLYN GOH KAI EN	Sec 3/4
4	RACHELLE CHANG XIN YI	Sec 3/4
5	JODI ELIZABETH LEE	Sec 3/5
6	NYX OON SI QI	Sec 3/5
7	JESSLYN CHAN	Sec 3/7
8	AMELYNN DANIELLE SIM HUI LIN	Sec 4/1
9	LIV ERICA LIM	Sec 4/1
10	KIRSTEN ANN DE CONCEICAO SI YING	Sec 4/2
11	CHRISTINE CHER	Sec 4/2
12	GOH ASTRID JING YING	Sec 4/4
13	TAN XIN HUI CHLOE	Sec 4/6
14	CHENNYSE CYNTHIA GOH XIN PEI	Sec 5/0
15	INSYIRAH SHARMIN BINTI SALIM	Sec 5/0
16	CLARABEL ANNETTE YEO JIA MEI	Sec 5/0

National School Games Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships 2021

Ng Xin Xuan Claire from Sec 3/5 represented KC at the National School Games Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships 2021 (B Division FIG) and brought home a Silver medal in the Hoop category. Well done and congratulations!

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10th International Biomedical Online Quiz

On 7 April, 19 Secondary 4 students participated in the 10th International Biomedical Online Quiz organised by ACJC Science and Mathematics Council. The theme was on Infectious Diseases, with a special focus on viruses.

This competition provided a platform for students to develop their aptitude and potential in the biomedical disciplines. The student participants had found the experience rewarding as they could apply independent learning and critical thinking skills to solve authentic medical challenges.

The school is proud to inform that 4 students had clinched an award in their category.

Davinia Ericka Rajandhran (Sec 4/5) – Silver

Boey Kar Yan Charis (Sec 4/6), Lara Wong (Sec 4/6) – Honourable Mention

Jacqueline Vanessa Amberg (Sec 4/6) – Merit

Congratulations!