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# REACH Monthly Newsletter



## August 2019

### P3 Sports and Science Camp



The annual Primary 3 Sports and Science Camp was held on 4 and 5 July with students going out to Botanic Gardens in the morning of the first day and camping on school grounds that night.

Students had the opportunity to learn to exercise independence during the camp. The skill sets taught would be aimed to help them apply themselves in real life situations. They had fun participating in soccer, Zumba, skipping and dye-painting activities.

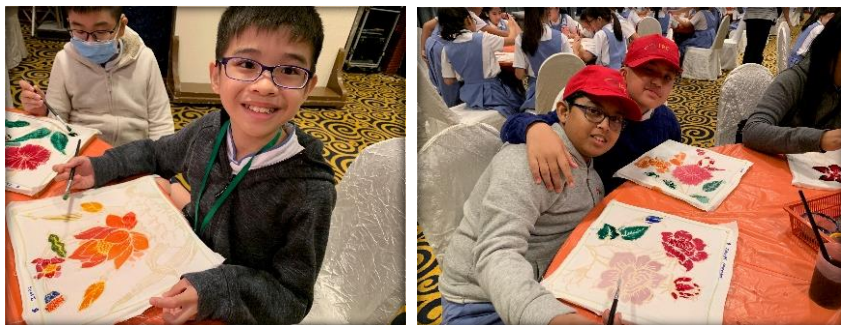
### P5 Trip to Malacca

Our Primary 5 students had the privilege of going on a 2-day 1-night trip to Malacca together with their CCPS classmates. The trip was a rite of passage for many students as it was their first time going overseas without their parents. On the first day, the students dined at the well-known Peranakan restaurant, Nancy's Kitchen, for lunch and savored dishes such as Chap Chye and Chendol. They had a chance to sample Malacca's famous Gula Melaka and were told how it is made.





Following this, the students had a busy afternoon that comprised a city tour and visits to the Baba & Nyonya Museum and the Cheng Ho Museum.



They were especially fascinated by the variety of goods and gifts that were brought aboard Cheng Ho's ships for trade across the world. In the evening, the students had the opportunity to try their hand at batik painting, where they were shown simple techniques to create their masterpieces

## Day 2

Students started their day with a school immersion at Sacred Heart Canossian Convent. The students mingled and played with the pre-school children, allowed the teachers a glimpse of their maturity as they assumed the roles of elder siblings to the little ones. After the immersion, the students headed off to Menara Taming Sari, an 80-meter tower which gave them a bird's eye view of Malacca. The trip ended off with a short shopping stop at Yoyo market where students bought gifts and souvenirs for their families and friends.



## Motivational Talk by Jon Pritikin



Canossian School was honored to have Mr. Jon Pritikin, one of the most sought after Inspirational Speakers on 15 July 2019 to come and speak to our parents and students.

He motivated and inspired 8 million audiences around the world and they walked away feeling **Inspired, Motivated and Entertained**. As he shared his personal story of perseverance, he took the audience on a journey from laughter to tears, and ultimately they were inspired to never give up.

Jon broke and set 2 Guinness World Records. The official title of his picture in 2009 Guinness Book of World Records is "The Tighest



Circumference of Two Aluminum Frying Pans Rolled Together with His Bare Hands in Less Than 30 Seconds."

Jon's powerful story reminded us all of how important it is to Believe in Yourself, Overcome Challenges and Never Give Up. The session was truly motivating, encouraging and entertaining.

## Visit by Hong Kong Education Bureau

Canossian School welcomed guests from the Speech and Hearing Services Section of the Hong Kong Education Bureau on 11 July 2019.

The visit started with a short introduction to the school and the Canossian Village. During the tour, visitors were taken to classes at both Canossian School as well as Canossa Catholic Primary School to highlight the different approaches that supported the learning of our students in different contexts.



Their tour ended at Canossaville Preschool. The Principal, Ms. Jingyi conducted a tour of the school that caters to both children with special educational needs and neurotypical children. The team from HK were delighted that Canossian Village offered all children – regardless of their ability level – equal opportunities to receive the most appropriate academic, social and life skills necessary for their future success.

## SYF 2019

It was indeed an honor for Canossian School Percussion Band to be invited to be part of the SYF 2019 Festival Concert. It was held at Esplanade Theatre on 5 July 2019 to an audience of about 1,950 family members and members of the public. The concert was part of a bigger event, Singapore Youth Festival Celebrations, an annual event organized by the Ministry of Education, Arts Education Branch (AEB) to showcase the talents and creative energy of our youths with a focus on the principles of students' voice and choice, collaboration and inclusiveness.



Vivian, Ingrid, Rex, Manojoy, Ammar and Javier represented Canossian School Percussion Band and they performed Swinging Bossa to fit the theme of the Festival Concert. They had opportunities to interact with participants from other schools during initial ice-breaker sessions. They also learnt to be better audiences for other performances. This is what they have to say on their involvement.



## An Evening with Dame Evelyn Glennie

With the assistance of MOE, members of the Canossian School Percussion Band attended a concert by world-renowned percussionist, Dame Evelyn Glennie. Dame Glennie, who has profound hearing loss, was here to perform with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra. The concert, 'DRUMatic Fusion' also featured contemporary youth percussionists, Gao Chao and Gao Yue. Members and their families enjoyed the 2-hour concert.

Our band members were also treated to a meet and greet session with Dame Glennie after the concert. Members were excited to meet her in person and flooded her with questions which she responded enthusiastically. Dame Glennie was full of praise for our band pupils, calling them "a great inspiration". Canossian School also presented Dame Glennie with a clay artefact made by members from the Art Club.



## N.E Show 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Students from Primary 5 were at the Padang on 13 July to be part of Singapore's bicentennial birthday bash. They were in awe as they watched the F-15SG jets perform dynamic manoeuvres which included a steep vertical climb into the clouds. Then there was their all-time favourite, the Red Lions skydivers in their parachutes.



After sitting through a spectacular two hours of stunning performances and listening to extraordinary stories of four ordinary Singaporeans exemplified through a series of short films, students learned about how our older generations of citizens contributed to our nation's progress. These stories were supplemented with a segment featuring eight floats from organisations that were pivotal in building various aspects of Singapore society since the 19th century. The show left the students with a deeper awareness of themselves as Singaporeans and as a nation to reflect how far Singapore has come, 200 years after Sir Stamford Raffles landed here in 1819. The takeaway for the students was that the dreams of our pioneer generation have been realised and as young Singaporeans they have an important role to play today as the pioneers of the future.

## Upcoming Events

### P6 Preliminary Examinations

Dates	Subjects
5 Aug 2019	Listening Comprehension
20 Aug 2019	P6 EL Papers 1 & 2
21 Aug 2019	P6 Maths Papers 1 & 2
23 Aug 2019	P6 Science Booklets A & B

### PSLE Oral Exams 2019

The exams will be conducted on Thu, 15 Aug 2019 and Fri, 16 Aug 2019. All students are to report as usual at 7.00 am and will be dismissed at 1.30 pm.

The canteen will not be open on both days so students are reminded to bring their own snacks for recess.

### National Day Celebrations

On Thu, 8 Aug 2019, students will report to school by 7.00 am and be dismissed at 10.00 am. Students are advised to bring a small bag with water bottle, sweat band, extra batteries and a snack. The canteen will be closed on the day.

Fri, 9 Aug 2019 is a national holiday and Mon, 12 Aug 2019 is Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday. No school on both days.

## Partnering with Parents

### Principal's Talk for Parents as follows:

Dates	Time	Level
Friday, 30 August 2019	5.30pm	P4
Tuesday, 01 October 2019	5.30pm	P5
Friday, 08 November 2019	8.00am	P1, P2 & P3