



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

6 April 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

The past month has seen many of our boys engaged in a number of different activities. Apart from being challenged by the rigorous demands of their academic studies, they have been actively involved in various inter-school competitions.

The boys have put in a lot of effort over the months rehearsing for their roles in this year's Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentations. The experience has been a character-building exercise in resilience, teamwork and being excellent at what they do.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents for your support and assistance during this period, particularly towards the boys and their CCAs. As the mid-year Semestral Assessment is approaching, we hope you will continue to encourage them to put in their best effort, and stay in good health so that they can excel in all that they do.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentations Concert

On 23 March 2018, the performing arts CCA boys had the opportunity to showcase their SYF repertoires and dance choreography for their parents and family members at our school's first SYF Arts Presentation Concert at the Performing Arts Hall. During the concert, the audience sent their well wishes to our performing arts groups through the use of the online application, Padlet and the boys were deeply encouraged when they read the messages by their loved ones. We wish our performing arts CCA boys all the best in the upcoming SYF Arts Presentations.

2. ACS(J) Kindness Campaign 2018

The Student Council would like to create a culture of care and respect in ACS(J) through a Kindness Campaign in Term 2. The Campaign aims to provide students with opportunities to appreciate others, and in turn feel appreciated. To achieve the objectives, these activities will be implemented:

- Primary 1 pupils will complete an artwork and present it to their **secret pal** in class.
- Primary 2 pupils will **write notes** to express their gratitude to their caregivers in their Mother Tongue.
- Primary 3 pupils will make and **present cards** to show their appreciation for the non-teaching staff in the school.

- Primary 4 pupils will take turns to **adopt the canteen** during recess by cleaning up the canteen. This helps to make the lives of the cleaners easier and increases the awareness of the pupils towards the amount of work the cleaners have to do.
- Primary 5 pupils will find out the **love language** of their caregivers and show appreciation to them according to the love language of their caregivers.
- Primary 6 pupils will plan and organise recess games for Primary 1-4 pupils to educate them on the key cyberwellness message of **kindness online**.

In addition, the Student Council will also create time and space for Special Interest groups to meet and learn together during recesses. We hope that through these activities, students will gain greater awareness of what their friends, parents and school staff have done for them, and be constantly reminded to show their appreciation to the various groups of people who made a positive difference in their lives.

3. International Friendship Day (IFD)

The theme for this year's IFD is Celebrating the ASEAN Community. With chairmanship of ASEAN and our leading of the milestone celebration beyond ASEAN's 50th anniversary, we celebrate our shared successes and the growth and resilience of the ASEAN people in our journey thus far.

In line with this year's theme, the school has planned a series of activities to engage our students, including assembly sharing about the various ASEAN countries, recess games and various class activities during CCE and Social Studies lessons. We hope to inspire our young to play an active role in fostering economic and people-to-people ties, reinforcing our sense of togetherness and strengthening our ASEAN identity.

4. SGSecure Book for P3 and P4 students

The SGSecure is a national movement that aims to get all Singaporeans involved in the fight against terror by teaching them the skills they need to protect themselves, their family and the country. As part of the school's effort to educate our boys about SGSecure, we have distributed the books "Attack at the Mall" to the P3 students, and "The Runaway Car" to the P4 students. We would like to encourage you to work with us to instil the importance of vigilance, cohesion and resilience in our children in this climate of heightened security. It is important to assure them that there are many people working together to keep us safe.

5. Cyber Wellness Connect

As partners in our boys' holistic education, we continually seek your support in developing our boys to become ACS gentlemen of character. In the cyber realm, it starts with nurturing each of them to be a positive peer influence online. You may do so by encouraging your child to:

- Be **S.U.R.E.** before sharing. Check the **S**ource, **U**nderstand the facts, **R**esearch and **E**valuate
- **T.H.I.N.K.** before posting. Ask: "Is it **T**ruer? **H**elpful? **I**nspiring? **N**ecessary? **K**ind?"
- Be an upstander for friends who are cyber bullied
- Use technology for good

Together, we can make the Internet a better place.

ACHIEVEMENTS

6. CCA Results and Accolades

The Boys' Brigade

JM Fraser Gold Award (2017)

Football

National School Games South Zone Football Championship 2018
Junior Division - 4th

Sailing

15th Langkawi International Regatta 2018
Singapore Optimist Squad - 1st and 2nd Individual Placing

Chess

National Schools (Individual) Chess Championship 2018
National Lower Junior Division - 9th, 10th and 15th
National Junior Division - 4th
National Senior Division - 8th and 10th

OTHERS

7. SNAC App Update

To date, 94% of ACS(J) parents have successfully registered for the SNAC app. We want to thank you for your support. We have adopted the SNAC app to make communications with our stakeholders fast and simple. Using the app, you will receive immediate notification via the PUSH notification function on your mobile phone without having to open your email accounts. It also helps us retrieve information from parents/guardians easily. If you still experience any difficulty in installing the app on your phone, do contact us or the vendor for assistance.

As we move towards the vision of SMART Nation, ACS(J) will continue to harness technology in support of better living. Together, we build a future Singapore. The best is yet to be.

Yours sincerely

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