“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.” James 1:2-4

Jan 2014

"Do you know the difference between a planet and a star?"

I did not know their differences until I prepared for this Sidewalk Astronomy Event by going to the Science Centre with my fellow schoolmates. I also learnt about the constellations, how to use the telescope and the key facts so that we can explain this to visitors at our Sidewalk Astronomy Event.

This experience has taught me the importance of teamwork as all of us worked hard together to make this event a success.

Aloysius Teo, 2E4
Our CHR CL Mini Reporters collaborated with our PSG team to organise a fun Traditional Carnival for CHR staff!

Meet the People who made this event possible!

Our PSG with CHR Mini Reporters

Mr Husni (PSG Outdoor & Sports Coordinator) presenting the token of appreciation to Mr Jeromey Ngian, our Vice-Principal.

Mr Sam Ong (PSG Chairman) with Mrs Yeo, our Principal.

Mr Aljunied was ‘crowned’ the ‘Most Humorous Teacher’!

Congratulations!

Ms Sheila Lee (PSG Head of Connect to Teachers) with Mrs Anne Chan, our Vice-Principal.

Mr Christopher Pua (PSG Vice-Chairman) put up a hilarious skit with our CHR mini-reporters

Mr Husni with his family

The beautiful paper cranes presented beautifully in a glass-case are so exquisite that you wouldn’t believe they are all hand-made meticulously by our PSG!

The PSG team presents all CHR Staff with hand-made cards and gifts.

Students were given time to celebrate this special occasion with their teachers in class

Our PSG with CHR Mini Reporters

(From left: Ms Angie Pua (PSG Head Of Publicity), Rachel Liew (1E3) and Ms Jocelyn Chai (Assistant Secretary of PSG))

Check out our talented PSG team!

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I would like to express my appreciation for Miss Nurul Jannah as she is a very dedicated teacher who sacrifices her time after school to help me and my classmates improve our English.

I have improved a lot in English thanks to her patience and clear explanations during lessons. She is also a caring teacher who is a strong pillar of support to me.

Tay Jor Tekh, 3E4

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Crescencia Chay, 4E2

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He has taught us the value of resilience, to appreciate the things we have and to have a strong sense of discipline in order to excel in our endeavours.

We would like to give thanks for his dedication to guide and care for us during the National Day Parade and Chingay Parade rehearsals.

Jiajun, Jabez and Caleb, 1E3

Mdm Juliza is a kind and helpful teacher who has helped me improve in Science by believing in me. She always tries to motivate my class by constantly encouraging us.

I am thankful to have her as my Science teacher. Thank you, Mdm Juliza!

Nazran, 1N6

Mr Eugene Teo never gives up on us and stands by our class throughout the tough times and inspires us to be better not only in our studies but in our character.

He has helped us in many ways and has made our last year in Secondary school a memorable year. Thank you, Mr Eugene!

Letvin Toh, 4E2

Mr Elkan is a Multimedia Educator who goes beyond his duty to inspire us through his passion and dedication. Teaching gives him a great sense of satisfaction as seeing his students grow spurs him on.

We would like to thank Mr Elkan for delivering lessons that are engaging as he spends a lot of effort to prepare materials that are relevant to us.

Alwin and Marcus, 2E4

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Miss Lee Han has deeply inspired me to be myself and to pursue my dreams. She has also inculcated various values in me through her teaching and by being a great listener when I need advice.

I would like to thank her for touching my life and inspiring me.

Thea, 1E3

Mdm Rajes is an awesome teacher who has helped me improve my Mathematics greatly. She may be strict with my class but we know she cares for us. I enjoy her classes as she makes an effort to make the lessons engaging for us.

Thank you, Mdm Rajes!

Yi Xuan, 2N6

Mr Iwan is an inspiring teacher who always tries to make his lessons interesting to engage us. His motto is to always stay positive no matter what happens.

As we aspire to be teachers one day too, he shared some golden words of advice that we will always remember. It is very important for a teacher to be passionate and see nurturing young minds as a privilege, as well as have the desire to help develop the students' potential.

We wish to thank him for his guidance and care as our CCA teacher.

Hannah and Prisha, 1E3

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As one of the student photographers for my CCA, Infocomm Club, I had to attend the rehearsals to hone my photography skills. Before the event, I was careful to ensure my batteries and camera are fully charged in order to be well prepared.

It was a stressful experience as I had to sort out all the photographs I took. I took a total of 2000 shots and I had to select 200. Although I did enjoy capturing the special moments of the event, selecting the photographs was really difficult.

Through this event, I had definitely improved my photography skills. Overall, I enjoyed being a photographer for the event and hope to have more opportunities to hone my skills!

Vincent Neo, 1N5

National Day Celebrations was a memorable event for me. Being involved in the mini parade as one of the National Police Cadet Corps cadets, I had to stand in the Parade Square for about an hour regardless of the weather. Fortunately, Mr Hock, the overall officer in charge, made it tolerable by encouraging us constantly that we can do it. His words spurred me on to persevere in spite of the discomfort.

Through this, I have learnt that persevering throughout a tough period is worth it and that once we succeed, we will feel so proud of our own achievements. It was an honour to be part of this parade to show my love for my country.

Gowri, 1N5

First of all, the Modern Dancers were very honoured to be able to perform for the school’s National Day Celebration. We would like to thank the school, teachers, our friends and family members for supporting us through this journey.

We have learnt many values including perseverance as we had to pull through our practices even after a long day of lessons. We learnt to care for each other. For example, a number of our fellow dancers had minor injuries and were unfit to dance. There were empty spaces and there was a need to quickly rearrange our dance positions and modify the dance. However, through care and encouragement, we managed to put up a performance which resulted in good feedback. Teamwork is also important to CHR Modern Dance. Not only do we need teamwork when dancing to achieve best visuals, we have to stay strong together to cheer each other on when we are tired.

After each performance, we grew closer and developed great camaraderie. We learnt to work with everyone’s strengths and weaknesses. This is what is valuable to us.

CHR Modern Dance 2014
CHR Modern Dance has grown over the years, both physically and in strength of character. Having good discipline and good character is the start to being a good dancer. Despite the many practices which ended late in the evenings, the team stood together and persevered on. I observed the dancers bonding together and having positive conversations. They exchanged words of encouragement and assisted one another to improve in their dance skills.

To my dancers, do accept my heartfelt appreciation. I believe in every single one of you. Each one of you is amazing and you can do it if you put in the effort and work for it. Continue to persevere on and grow as a young performer and dancer. I will always be there behind the stage or among the audience to cheer you on.

Miss Angel Chng (One of the Teachers-in-Charge of CHR Modern Dance)

One pleasant Saturday, on 2nd August 2014, we performed at the ACE the Place National Day Celebration cum Dinner. It was an event organised by the ACE the Place Committee to bring together and reconnect the residents in Woodlands and Admiralty to celebrate Singapore’s 49th National Day.

Our Choreographer choreographed a dance item which hyped up the atmosphere and we were really proud of the opportunity to serve the community through participating in the concert.

Through all the practices, we had matured and developed a strong sense of self-discipline and strong character. Through the grueling practices, we encouraged one another to persevere and not to give up. Despite the new stage layout at Ace The Place, we had to re-organise ourselves quickly instead of fretting over the sudden changes. We had to be professional and display good sportsmanship to put up a good performance.

All of us were thankful to the school and organisers for this valuable opportunity and our radiant smiles throughout our performance simply reflected our happiness about being part of this event.

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(The Modern Dance group came together and wrote this article as a group)

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Sidewalk Astronomy Event

I have learnt and experienced many interesting opportunities from our small environment booth that we set up during the Sidewalk Astronomy event. Before the event started, my senior, three of my other classmates and I learnt how to make aromatic soap by mixing 28 ml of used cooking oil, which was collected from our school canteen vendors and 9 ml of sodium hydroxide, a corrosive chemical.

After mixing the two liquids, we had to put 3-5 drops of any food colouring and 5-7 drops of any essential oil into the mixture and mix them up. We placed the mixture into a moulding tray and waited for two weeks for the aromatic soap to solidify before it could be used. It was a fascinating learning experience.

Participating in this public event has benefited me greatly in presentation skills and encouraged me to be more confident as I had to interact with visitors and explain to them the whole soap-making process. Overall, I found this to be a very enriching experience with my team.

Yung Caleb, 1E4
The World Police Band Concert Street Parade was held at Marina Bay Sands Waterfront Promenade on 6th October 2014, from 5 – 6pm. There were a total of 5 performing groups participating in the street parade, namely the Singapore Police Force Band, New York City Police Band, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Band, NADI Singapura and Combined Pipes and Drums of Boys’ and Girls’ Brigade. I was honoured to be part of the Combined Pipes and Drums together with my CCA school mates from CHR Boys’ Brigade 11th Coy and Changkat Changi Secondary School.

Throughout the various practices and performances, I learnt that teamwork is essential in a good performance, as synchronization of our individual playing had a great impact on our combined performance.

Overall, I enjoyed performing for this event tremendously and I would like to thank Mr Ong Wey Shi for this opportunity and guidance in learning how to play the bagpipes.

**Jeneive Cheu, 2N6**

I am privileged to be part of the combined band to stage a performance for the World Police Concert. Upon receiving the news, I started putting in more effort into my practices and would spend an hour during every practice to perfect my skills.

Through this event, I picked up significant life skills, such as having the responsibility to be punctual for the rehearsals and performance. I also realised that it is important to be always equipped with more than required, so that in the event that something goes wrong, we will be able to **rise to the occasion**.

The most memorable thing about this trip was meeting and interacting with new friends during our training. I would like to thank the officers and organisers in charge of this event as it was an wonderful opportunity to be involved in such a meaningful and exciting learning experience.

I hope to participate in more of such activities in the future, as I could put my skills to practice and aim for excellence.

**Jermiah Tan, 2E4**

There were many remarkable experiences for me, like marching with the rest of the band members, memorising many sets of tunes within a few days, and making new friends from Changkat Changi Secondary School. I also got **acquainted** with a Primary 6 boy and was amazed that he could play bagpipes better than us. This really inspired and motivated me to do even better than him one day.

There were also many important lessons that I had learnt, such as the need to pay attention to instructions and carry out assigned duties diligently. In order to put up a good performance, I believe that confidence, perseverance and patience are **vital** factors to success. I look forward to more performances in the future.

**Valerie Leow, 2E2**
Sec 1 Read Programme

R.E.A.D programme is a reading enrichment programme which stands for Read, Explore And Discover. The R.E.A.D programme is targeted at the 2014 Secondary One cohort from both the Express and the Normal Academic Stream. It aims to cultivate students’ interest in reading through a series of self-directed & collaborative activities, increase students’ engagement level in reading and widen students’ knowledge through reading.

Miss Seah Jiemin, LH, EL Dept

The READ programme had helped me to conduct my research more confidently and inspired me to be more curious.

Kong Ning, 1E3

This programme had widened my knowledge, improved my vocabulary and helped me to gain a deeper insight into societal issues.

Jolin Goh, 1N5

I learnt to be more self-directed in my learning by doing my own research to improve my own general knowledge.

Jeffrey Noel Arokiaraj, 1E4

Attending the Global Youth Leaders’ Summit was a great learning experience with my schoolmates as I had the chance to interact with new friends from other countries and schools. We had numerous talks by people from different religions which helped to broaden my knowledge and understanding of the religions in Singapore.

The whole experience was very fruitful as I picked up crucial skills on leadership, values and character development. This experience had definitely inspired me to persevere in my endeavours. I wish to thank my school and teachers for giving me the opportunity to attend the summit.

Si Ying, 1E3

I felt very privileged to attend the Global Youth Leaders’ Summit 2014 at Downtown East on 25th July. It was a very prestigious event which allowed me to learn about the qualities of a youth leader like humility and strength to overcome adversities.

After attending this event, I also had a heightened awareness of the differences in our cultures and religions so that I am more sensitive towards my friends of other races and religions. This has helped me to forge better friendships with my peers.

Don Thomas Obillo Terredano, 3E3
I am thankful for the chance to go on stage to announce the winners for the Inter-school National Scrabble competition. This has helped to build my confidence to speak in front of the whole school.

I am thankful to Ms Maryam and Nurin Hadira for making this happen.

Nurin Hazira, 1E1

I wish to give thanks to my school for organising the Read Programme for all Secondary One students once every week. The weekly Read programme has helped me to be more aware of societal issues and also equipped me with the ability to do research on my own. This has definitely helped me to be more forward-looking by improving my knowledge.

Natalie, 1E2

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One needs to be forward-looking in order to be well-prepared for what life may bring us. In order to plan ahead, I cultivated the habit of taking notes of my school events and set reminders not to forget the essential preparations.

By foreseeing or pre-empting any possible problems that may arise, we can be more efficient.

Amberlie Ng, 1E4

I think we should live each day as if it is our last day so that we will cherish the time we have with our loved ones.

We should give thanks for even little things and also be contented with what we have.

Zilin, 1E3

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Forward-looking to me is when a target is set for the future, a mindset set on the future or thinking for the future. Forward-looking to me is important as I look forward to the future to plan my daily activities.

Tiffany, 1N6

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By giving thanks, I learn to be forward-looking with Joy and Hope as I'm having a positive mindset. I want to give thanks to my parents, they have always guided me through each day.

Every time I'm down, they are always the ones who comfort me and cheer me up. Without them, I wouldn't be what I am today. I also want to give thanks to my siblings who always teach me and motivate me since the beginning of this year. My entire family teaches me to be forward-looking and to look at the positive side of things.”

Gracial, 1N5

Congratulations Newborn

Ms Jannah and her groom

Mr Yap’s princess

Ms Yushiella and her groom

Ms Lee Soo Fen and her groom

Ms Maryam and her groom

Mdm Christabel Foon’s prince

Ms Izzati’s princess

Wedding Bells!