



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

26 April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warm greetings from ACS(J)!

These past few months have seen many of our boys participating actively in various programmes organised by the school to steward their hearts and minds. Anchored in our school values, the well-designed learning activities have allowed them to build their character strengths, with sight on this year's school theme 'Build to Last'. It is truly heartening to watch our boys putting in effort to practise the values they have been taught.

Build to Last

Building Lasting Friendships - Friendship Week and International Friendship Day

1. Our school celebrated **Friendship Week** from 28 March to 1 April. Through classroom discussions and interactive activities, our boys learnt about how to be friends to one another, help those in need and influence their peers to do what is right. "Friendship GO", a school-wide initiative, challenged the boys to complete activities with and for their peers. Each cohort was given the opportunity to express their gratitude to their friends in interesting ways. The Primary 4s embarked on a catch-your-classmate-doing-good mission, where they were encouraged to look out for positive acts of behaviour demonstrated by their peers and recognise these efforts by writing notes of affirmation. The Primary 5s and 6s dedicated songs to their peers during recess. Our boys' words of appreciation for one another are indeed heartwarming. May our boys continue to build lasting ties of friendship through their time in ACS(J) and beyond. Together, we can make the school a kinder place for everyone.
2. In addition to learning about the importance of friendship among peers, our boys also explored Singapore's relationship with other countries. In the week leading up to **International Friendship Day**, our boys were introduced to the traditional songs, song games, instruments and dances of various countries through the "World Music" module during their music lessons. The week of International Friendship Day, from 4 to 8 April, began with an exciting virtual assembly programme. The Primary 4 boys showcased their talents during a Brazilian Samba performance, and students and teachers shared their personal stories about various Southeast Asian countries. Throughout the week, our boys discovered Singapore's commonalities with other Southeast Asian countries through playing traditional games at Play@Recess. They also had the opportunity to reflect on their roles in promoting the spirit of friendship and collaboration, and developing an appreciation for the contributions of foreigners in Singapore during Character and Citizenship/ Form Teacher Guidance Period.

Building Hearts and Minds – Destination Imagination (DI) 2022

3. Destination Imagination is a fun, hands-on way of learning that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in the fields of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), fine arts and service learning. Two teams represented ACS(J) for the Improvisation Challenge at DI 2022 and we would like to congratulate them on their achievements.

S/N	Challenge	Placing
1	Improvisational Challenge - Invaders	1 st
2	Improvisational Challenge – Out of Time	2 nd

ACS (Barker Road) Outreach Session to Primary 6 Parents and Students

4. ACS (Barker Road) will be conducting an outreach session to Primary 6 parents and students on secondary school education in ACS(BR). We encourage our Primary 6 parents and students to attend the physical meeting to learn more about the school's approach to educating ACS gentlemen in ACS(BR). Details of the session are as follows:

Venue	Mrs Lee Choon Guan Concert Hall at ACS Barker Road campus
Date	Friday, 20 May 2022
Time	3 pm to 4.30 pm

Parent Support Group (PSG) Activities

5. This term, we are happy to welcome our Parent Support Group (PSG) members back to school for face-to-face (F2F) activities. Some of the F2F activities that have resumed include the English and Mother Tongue Reading Programme for lower primary students, the Parents' Prayer Group meetings, the Fathers' Prayer Group meetings and Crafts for special events.
6. On 13 April, our Primary 1 and 2 boys were treated to an Easter craft-making activity. The activity was carried out during recess on a voluntary basis. Our boys can look forward to the upcoming Mother's Day craft-making activity on 4 May to participate in. We would like to thank all our dedicated PSG members for their prayer support as well as for designing fun and enriching activities for our boys!

Updates on Parents Gateway (PG) App

7. The Parents Gateway (PG) App, a one-stop portal that allows parents to access the announcements and consent forms sent out by the school, has recently been upgraded. With the *Mobile Homepage Refresh*, parents will have greater ease in managing their posts and will be able to track posts that require their action readily. For more information on PG, you can refer to the FAQs on this website <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/faq>.

Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Sessions

8. The Meet-the-Parents (MTP) sessions for Primary 1 to 6 will be held on Friday, 27 May. This is an opportunity for us to review your child's progress and development in Semester 1. Please take note that students need not report to school on this day. More details of the MTP sessions will be shared via PG nearer the date.

Updated Safe Management Measures

9. Following the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's announcement on the easing of COVID-19 measures, the following adjustments have been made for our students:
- (a) Boys may remove their masks during PE lessons and Play@Recess.
 - (b) The school library will be opened for students' use on designated days. The opening hours during recess will follow the Play@Recess schedule.
 - (c) From 4 May, students from the same class will be allowed to gather in groups of 5 during recess.

We are in the midst of reviewing the resumption of all school activities F2F and will provide further updates in due course.

10. With effect from 26 April, SafeEntry check-ins in schools will no longer be required. We strongly encourage our boys to keep the Trace Together (TT) application on their phones and/or hold on to their TT tokens, so that we may rapidly step-up contact tracing and Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS) checks when the need arises.
11. Our boys have been constantly reminded to be socially responsible. Those who are unwell should stay at home and seek medical treatment if necessary. They should continue to practise good personal hygiene habits, e.g. hand washing, and keep common areas clean by wiping down surfaces where necessary.

2022 Primary One (P1) Registration Exercise - Phase 1 Registration

12. The Phase 1 registration of the 2022 P1 Registration Exercise will be conducted on 29 June 2022 and 30 June 2022 for a Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR) child born between 2 January 2016 and 1 January 2017 (both dates inclusive) and has a sibling studying in our school.
13. If you have a SC or PR child eligible for Phase 1 registration, please submit the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/p1onlineform> **by 29 April 2022**. My colleagues will contact you if any clarification and/or additional documents are required.

If your child is a non-SC /non-PR and is thus not eligible for Phase 1, please submit an online Indication of Interest between 31 May 2022 and 6 June 2022. You may refer to the MOE website at go.gov.sg/P1reg for updates on the 2022 P1 Registration Exercise.

Mid-Year Holiday Travel Advisory and Travel Declaration

14. To ensure that our school remains a healthy and safe environment for all, we require all parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel during the mid-year holidays. More details will be announced via PG on 4 May. If your child/ward is not travelling this holiday, no action is required on your part.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support to keep our school safe and to bring out the best in each of our boys.

To God be the Glory! The Best is Yet to Be!

Yours sincerely

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