



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

12 May 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J), and a blessed Mother's Day to all the important women in our children's lives! In Proverbs 31:31, we are reminded to "Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." We give thanks for all mothers and caregivers for the sacrifices they make and the unconditional love and unwavering support that they give to their children and families. We salute you and we pray for the Lord's grace and favour to be upon you always.

As we bring the term to a close and celebrate the progress our boys have made in Semester 1, we encourage all parents/guardians to make use of the June holidays to engage your sons in meaningful activities and to allow them time and space to pursue their interests and hobbies. May you have a wonderful time bonding as a family this holiday.

Anchored in Purpose

1. **ACS(J) English Week, Monday 24 April to Friday 28 April 2023**

The ACS(J) English Week was organised to grow the joy of learning English in our boys. The theme this year centred on **Celebrating Roald Dahl**. Students enjoyed studying his books, writing poetry, and participating in the language games organised during recess. We would like to express our appreciation to all parent volunteers for your support in the recess activities.

2. **ACS(J) Book Character Day on Friday 28 April 2023**

The ACS(J) Book Character Day took place on Friday 28 April 2023. Held in conjunction with the ACS(J) English Week, students and teachers alike dressed up as their favourite book characters to commemorate the occasion.

We would like to express our appreciation to all parents/guardians for your partnership in instilling a love of reading as well as good reading habits in your children. Please continue to ensure that your son brings an English storybook for pre-assembly reading from Monday to Wednesday and a Mother Tongue Language storybook every Thursday and Friday.

3. **Recognising Our Young Talents**

(a) Our Artists

The theme for the 2023 SYF Arts Exhibition is **Artist and Inspiration**. All primary school student artists were invited to submit original artworks that showcase their creativity. Two of our artworks were awarded Certificate of Recognition. We encourage all our boys to view the SYF artworks submitted by our participants at the school library from Monday 15 May to Wednesday 17 May 2023.

(b) Our Orators

Our school's English Debate Team, comprising five Primary 5 boys, took part in the **RedDot Debate League** held on Saturday 22 April and Sunday 23 April 2023. We would like to congratulate our boys on their achievements. They emerged 4th out of 28 participating teams from around Asia. Two boys achieved the 2nd highest speaker score, while a third attained the 5th highest speaker score.

(c) Our Mathematicians

The Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) and Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) are annual competitions aimed at generating greater interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics among students in primary schools. We would like to congratulate our boys on their achievements.

Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest 2023

No	Award	Number of winners
1	Junior Category – High Distinction	1
2	Open Category – Distinction	4
3	Open Category - Merit	2

Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools 2023

No	Award	Number of winners
1	Silver	2
2	Bronze	2

(d) Our Scientists

The Raffles Science Olympiad (RSO) is organised by Raffles Institution to engender a sense of wonder towards Science. Five of our Primary 5 boys participated in the competition on Thursday 6 April 2023. We would like to congratulate them on their achievements.

No	Award	Number of winners
1	Merit	1
2	Bronze	1

(e) Our Sports Boys

Our Senior School Team boys have put in tremendous effort to prepare for the recently completed Senior Division National School Games (NSG). We give thanks for our boys' achievements in the following sports and games.

No	Sports/Games	Senior Division
1	Badminton	Preliminary Round 3 rd
2	Bowling	May 2023
3	Football	Team Top 8
4	Rugby	Team Champion
5	Sailing	May 2023
6	Swimming	May 2023
7	Table Tennis	Tier 1 Team Top 8
8	Taekwondo	Green Belt Individual 1 st & 2 nd Blue Belt Team 1 st
9	Tennis	Team Champion
10	Track & Field	May 2023

Cyber Wellness

4. With our boys likely to experience more screen time during the school holidays, the likelihood of them being exposed to cyber misconduct, such as cyberbullying, also increases. To augment our continuous efforts to empower our boys to be safe and responsible digital learners, we will be sharing an SLS package from Monday 22 May to Friday 2 June 2023 to help our boys build kind and positive online habits. Let us take this opportunity to role model appropriate upstander behaviours for our children and encourage them to consider how their actions might affect relationships, others' feelings and the community, both online and offline.

CCA Matters

5. As the CCA calendar draws to a close this semester and with the conclusion of the National School Games for Senior Boys, please note that all Primary 6 students will stand down from CCA with effect from Term 3.

Travel Declaration for Mid-Year Holiday

6. To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make **a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling** for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by <date> (the last day of the term)**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. **If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.**

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

Digital Version of the ACS *echo* Publication

7. The ACS *echo* connects the ACS family of schools as One ACS. We are pleased to inform you that the May - June 2023 issue is now available online at <https://acsecho.com>.

School Calendar for Semester 2 (2023)

8. We are in the midst of finalising our school calendar for Semester 2 and will publish it via PG once it is ready.

I wish you and all our boys a blessed semester break.

To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal