



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

8 February 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Meet-the-Parents sessions for Primary 1 to Primary 6 in January. My staff and I are glad to have met and interacted with you during the respective sessions. I hope that the sessions have given you some insight into the curriculum for the year as well as the various learning activities that your child/ward will be participating in.

Anchored in Purpose

1. As we enter the month of February, I am heartened that our boys have settled into their new classes and routines. We continue to uphold the school theme for the year - **Anchored in Purpose** – by encouraging our boys to take responsibility for their learning and to love and be gracious to their friends. It is our desire that they can continue to excel in both the academic and non-academic domains, build strong friendships and grow up as fine young gentlemen of character, ready for the future to lead and to serve.
2. For 2023, the school will continue to give emphasis to its key areas of focus in the holistic development of our boys. We will provide quality student experiences that prepare our boys to be future-ready, deepen our efforts in building stronger teacher-student relationships, and refine our lesson design and pedagogical approaches to better motivate our boys and develop them to be confident, curious and connected.

Chinese New Year Celebrations (Friday, 20 January 2023)

3. After two years of celebrating Chinese New Year in the classrooms via Zoom, we were excited to gather once again as a school to celebrate the event. The festive mood was in the air as teachers and students decorated their classrooms in the weeks leading up to Chinese New Year. Our boys also practised singing Chinese New Year songs during music lessons.
4. On the day of the celebration, our staff and students were treated to an hour-long concert, featuring enthusiastic performances by the Speech and Drama Club, greetings from the school leaders, teachers and school staff, skits and interactive quizzes. Back in the classroom, the students participated in a bilingual chat-and-draw-along session where they designed rabbit-themed cartoon cards and learned vocabulary related to the festival.

Blessing Our Community

5. As a school, we believe in nurturing each boy to be an ACSian Servant Leader who works with others to make a positive difference. He is encouraged to work in close collaboration with his schoolmates and to reach out to others who need his help. We are glad to be able to provide our boys with the following platforms to contribute to our community and be a blessing to others.

(a) Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Hong Bao Drive 2023

As part of our initiative to inculcate the joy of giving in our boys, we are working with Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) to support them in their Lunar New Year Hong Bao (Red Packet) Donation Drive. We would like to seek your kind support in encouraging your child/ward to donate a portion of his red packet which will benefit beneficiaries under MWS. MWS runs 20 centres and programmes for over 12,000 underprivileged children, at-risk youth, distressed families, the chronically ill, destitute, and frail, and the socially isolated. You may visit <https://mws.sg> for more details on MWS' centres and services. Your child/ward has received an MWS envelope from his Form Teacher. Please encourage him to place his donation in the envelope and return the envelope to his Form Teacher by **Monday, 13 February 2023**. Please issue cheques payable to "**Methodist Welfare Services**". Kindly indicate "**Hong Bao Drive 2023**" on the back of the cheque. Thank you for your support.

(b) Methodist Walk Fundraising 2023 - "A Million For A Million"

The Methodist Walk is a biennial fundraising activity organised by the Methodist Schools' Foundation (MSF), on behalf of the Methodist schools in Singapore. On Saturday, 25 March 2023, student representatives from 15 Methodist schools will get together with their teachers, family members and supporters from the Methodist churches, to walk and raise money for the needs of individual schools. For this year's Methodist Walk, the goal is to collectively walk 1,000,000km from Wednesday 1 March to Saturday 25 March 2023, and to raise \$1,000,000.

We aim to raise \$250,000 for ACS(J) through Methodist Walk 2023. The funds raised will be used for the following areas:

- i. Educational Aids and Resources
- ii. Financial Assistance
- iii. Building Grant

Donations through pledge card may be given in the form of cash or via a cheque made out to "**Methodist Schools' Foundation**", with our school's name "**ACS (Junior)**" clearly indicated on the back. Besides the usual pledge cards, donors may also donate through Giving.sg at our campaign page <https://www.giving.sg/campaigns/acsj> or by scanning the QR code on the pledge card. We look forward to your generous support and contribution to our boys' well-being and learning at ACS(J).

Primary 5 Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre

6. The Primary 5 students will be going on a learning journey to the Indian Heritage Centre in Term 1 Week 6 and Week 7 as part of Museum-Based Learning. They will learn more about the culture and heritage of the Indian community in Singapore, and their contributions to Singapore through Indian cultural art forms, in particular the performing arts.

Total Defence Day (Wednesday, 15 February 2023)

7. The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Wednesday, 15 February 2023. The theme for Total Defence Day 2023 - "Together We Keep Singapore Strong" – focuses on ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives. Total Defence remains relevant to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. These include misinformation, supply chain disruptions and food security, which affect communities in Singapore.

Through the Assembly Programme, CCE (FTGP) lessons and recess activities, students will learn how they can play their part in ensuring that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruptions. With Total Defence, we can remain resilient and united as one people.

**137th Founder's Day Thanksgiving Service and Academic Awards Presentation
(Wednesday, 1 March 2023)**

8. Our 137th Founder's Day Thanksgiving Service and Academic Award Presentation will take place on 1 March from 8.30 am to 11.00 am. The Guest-of-Honour is Dr Wong Heng Yu, Distinguished Old Boy and member of the ACS Board of Governors. **Only Primary 6 boys and prize recipients** are to be present for the event. Primary 1 to Primary 5 boys do not need to report to school on Wednesday, 1 March 2023.

ACS 137th Founder's Day Dinner (Wednesday, 1 March 2023)

9. The ACS Old Boys' Association (ACSOBA) is organising its annual gala dinner in conjunction with the ACS 137th Founder's Day. This year's theme - "One ACS - Stronger Together" - will allow all ACSians to have the opportunity to re-connect with one another as an ACSian community.

Date: Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 6.30 pm to 10.30 pm

Location: Shangri-La Singapore (Island Ballroom) at 22 Orange Grove Rd Singapore 258350

Price: \$175 per ticket

To register and purchase your ticket(s), kindly complete and submit the form through the link: <https://go.gov.sg/acs-foundersdaydinner> below. Registration will close on Wednesday, 15 February 2023. Please make payment at ACS(J) General Office, either by cash or cheque payable to "**Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)**". For any further enquiries, please contact the school at 6733 7911 or email us at acsj@moe.edu.sg.

Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise

10. The tentative schedule for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise in 2023 is as shown below.

Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2023 (Thursday)	Primary 3 students enrolled in the school
GEP Selection Exercise	17 & 18 October 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Primary 3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

More details, including content coverage matters, will be shared at a later date.

Staff Affirmation

11. The Inspiring Teacher of English Award, Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award 2023 and Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers Award 2023 are awards that acknowledge and affirm teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a love for the languages and are effective in helping their students communicate better. In the process of engaging their students, they have chosen pedagogical approaches that considered their learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles. They also take ownership to hone their teaching competencies to enact classroom practices in alignment with the teaching syllabus and curriculum, as well as classroom-based innovations.

If you know of such a teacher in ACS(J) and would like to nominate him/her for the following award(s), please follow the instructions accordingly.

Award	Organiser	Details of nomination	Closing Date
Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2023	The Straits Times and the Speak Good English Movement, with the support of the Ministry of Education	<p>Download nomination forms from http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information</p> <p>Email completed form to Ms Lee May Po at lee_may_po@schools.gov.sg</p> <p>For more information, please email SGEM at nhb_speakgoodenglishmovement@nhb.gov.sg</p>	6 pm on 23 March 2023
Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award 2023	Malay Language Council, Singapore, Malay Language Teachers Association, Berita Harian and the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee	Nominations can be made online at Arif Budiman Malay Language Teachers' Award 2023 FormSG	31 March 2023
Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers Award 2023	Tamil Murasu, Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee (TLLPC) and the Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union	<p>Nominations can be made online at https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-tl .</p> <p>For more information, please email TLLPC at MOE_TLLPC_Secretariat@moe.gov.sg</p>	10 April 2023

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for ACS (Junior). To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal