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CHR HIGHLIGHTS

National Day

This year, our National Day theme is 'Together, Our Singapore Spirit!'. In line with the theme, CHRians demonstrated a "can-do" spirit and a "dare-to-try" attitude as they go through the day's activities. Acting as Spirit Champs, Student Leaders from each class led their classmates in the day's exciting activities.



(Top from Left) Thumbs up for the fun celebrations!; Our cool National Day emcees all ready to kickstart the celebrations!; Brainstorming to create a video of Singaporeans' unique national identity. (Bottom from Left) Designing and colouring for the Singapore Map mural; Voila! The Singapore Map Mural in its full glory!



I had a blast celebrating National Day with my classmates as we bonded over the various activities while learning more about Singapore. What I enjoyed most was the video-making as I brainstormed with my classmates to make creative videos to express ourselves. — NOEMIE (3/5)

National Day celebration was engaging because we participated in activities like writing flash fiction, creating mascots and map murals and even TikTok videos which was my favourite! I am thankful that in spite of the pandemic, the school has made the celebration enriching. — INEZ (1/6)

I enjoyed the National Day celebrations tremendously as it was interactive. As a class, we participated in various activities to express our appreciation towards Singapore in our own unique way. — ANGELO (2/7)

It was exciting to plan the National Day celebrations, but I also felt a sense of responsibility to ignite the Singapore spirit in the school community. This is because we need Singaporeans to be resilient and to overcome COVID-19 together! Thankfully, the teachers in the National Day committee are so talented and the students enjoyed the celebrations. — MS JANNAH, NATIONAL DAY TEACHER-IN-CHARGE

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(PLD) (18 August)



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(27 Aug – 1 Sep)

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Honours Day (Staff)
(2 September)



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(30 September)



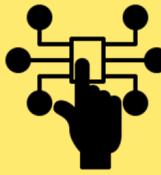
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CHR 818: PLD

Exploring our Personal Learning Device (PLD)



With the nationwide roll-out of Personal Learning Devices (PLD), it was time that CHR students receive their own. 818 was the date CHRians welcomed their PLDs. The air was abuzz with excitement and chatter from students who were eager to start exploring their PLD. Let's check out CHRians' experiences!



1 In the weeks leading to 818, our school's ICT team was busy at work ensuring all CHRians were onboarded and helping to familiarise them with their Student iCON.

5 Personalising PLDs with brightly coloured name stickers. We wouldn't want to get our PLDs mixed up! Voila! PLDs we can call our own.



4 Discussing as a class how to establish the three 'S' for our PLDs – Safety, Storage, Security.



3 Following instructions to set up the PLDs.



2 818 finally arrived and CHRians unboxed their PLDs! We were eagerly following instructions to set up the PLDs.



Using our PLD for lessons and projects

I was thrilled to receive my PLD because it is convenient and easy to use for lessons. Learning in class using PLD is more interesting and helps me to understand difficult concepts. — IDRIS (1/7)

I was excited to use my PLD for lessons and do my favourite hobbies at home like drawing. The day was very memorable because I received a Chromebook to call my own and with it, I learnt many new things about using my PLD. I'm proud of myself now that I'm learning to draw digitally. — KEVIN (1/7)

The PLD has transformed the way we learn at school. Collaboration with peers is easier now through Google Documents. It is also portable so I hope that the PLD can gradually replace our textbooks. — KAVENESH (3/2)

"Cher, I lost my worksheet!". "Cher, I didn't bring my textbook!" With the use of PLD, I don't need to worry about all these problems anymore. Now, I can categorise all my teaching materials by topic to keep everything organised in Google Classroom, and the students can access it from anywhere and anytime. I can even track students' progress and mark the assignments on it. — MS TEOH SHAOQING, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHER

It's more convenient to use the PLD than books. Firstly, the PLD keeps all of the information you have for each subject. Secondly, more people prefer to use the PLD because of the cute stylus. Now I use online folders to save my notes and use platforms such as Google Classroom and SLS easily. — CLAUDIA (3/3)

English Language



Additional Maths students solving their Maths problems on their PLD.



Sec 2 students used Google Slides to plan their script for a podcast recording.

Mathematics

Science



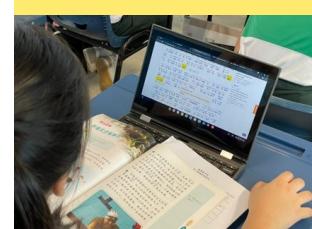
Using PLD to get hands-on for Applied Learning Programme (ALP) lessons.

1/7 students excited to use Canva to design posters for Social Studies.



Humanities

Chinese Language



3/5 using the Chinese-to-Pinyin translator to view the pronunciation of words.



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HONOURS DAY (STAFF)

Our Staff are out of this world!

During this year's Honours Day (Staff), we returned to CHRLaxy where students became Astronauts and CHR Staff became Guardians. With the theme of 'Our Staff are out of this world!', our Guardians are celebrated and appreciated for their tireless hard work and heart work. With the multitude of activities, everyone had a blast of a time during this celebration in space.



(Below) A wave of excitement as our Les Literato Student Journalists shared heartwarming messages and video dedications for CHR Staff. Catch them again on Les Literato Instagram!



(Above) Les Literato Student Journalists busy at work writing their scripts, designing slides and rehearsing for their Staff Appreciation morning assembly presentations.

Whilst planning for this event, I was most in awe of the camaraderie and love from the student leaders. It made me realise how self-directed our students are when given ownership to plan and execute their own activities to show teachers their appreciation. I will never forget the excitement from each class, because it made me see how I could empower others and make a difference. — MS SHEEREEN, HONOURS DAY (STAFF) COMMITTEE

It was such an honour being the representative giving the bouquet of origami flowers to my Form Teachers. They have worked tirelessly to teach us and mark our assignments while still putting on a smile on their faces everyday as they walk into our class. — HAMZA (1/3)

My classmates and I decided to make hand-made plastic keychains for our teachers. While it was tedious to draw many designs on the plastics, it was so satisfying to see our completed gifts. It was so special to appreciate our teachers with hand-made gifts made with love. — EMILY (4/3)

For Honours Day (Staff), we wanted to ensure our staff had an 'OUT OF THIS WORLD' experience because they have gone beyond their call of duty in CHR. I'm thankful for my awesome Honours Day (Staff) team for making this event unforgettable! — MDM JULIZA, HONOURS DAY (STAFF) TEACHER-IN-CHARGE



(Left) 4/3 students personalised caricature keychains for their teachers and 4/4 students presenting bouquets of origami flowers to their Form Teachers.



(Right) 3/6 Form Teachers beaming with joy receiving hand-made gifts from their students. 2/4 playing a game of Jeopardy: 'Teachers VS Students'.



As we arrived at my classroom, it seemed eerily quiet (which is rare!). To my surprise, the students were quietly waiting to shout "Happy Teachers' Day!" as we opened the classroom door. This was the most significant part of Honours Day for me as the students have co-operated well. Reading the thoughtful messages written on the whiteboard was definitely the icing on the cake! — MS NARNY, FORM TEACHER OF 1/7

Our class decorated the whiteboard with messages for our Form Teachers. At 7.20am, we switched off the classroom lights and then surprised our Form Teachers when they came into the classroom. It was the most memorable moment! — UZAYR (1/7)

Our Form Teachers did not expect us to organise a water gun quiz for them and the penalty was getting sprayed with water! They were sporting enough to participate. — ANABEL (3/4)



(Right) Meet the artist behind the beautifully drawn Guardians of the Galaxy characters!



GRADUATION DAY

Con-GRAD-ulations!



With the theme of air travel and tagline 'Adventure of a lifetime', Graduation Day 2021 welcomed our Secondary 4 and 5 graduating students onboard CHRPan Airlines where they reminisced nostalgic moments from their secondary school education and celebrated their achievements. With their boarding pass containing appreciation and well-wishes from their Secondary 1 to 3 juniors, our graduating students were excited to embark on their last flight onto their new destination in tertiary education.

(Below, Clockwise) Sec 4 and 5 students enjoying their in-flight meal and adjusting their gowns to look their best!



(Below) Class emcees hosting the class activities and teachers giving out gifts!



(Above) Pilots preparing themselves for take-off and emcee the Graduation Day show.



(Above, Clockwise) Graduating students writing and exchanging saying "Au Revoir" through cards and notes of appreciation to their classmates — "Please put on your seatbelts as we will be taking off soon."

(Below) Flinging their mortarboard hats — Graduation Day celebrations came to a conclusion!



(Above) Time for photos with classmates — some cute props included!



Looking at my 4/6 students now, I'll miss the chit chats with them, the jokes we crack together and being their confidante. Over 4 years of rollercoaster, they have shown me trust and fear, love and hate and at all times, respect. I'm proud to say that 4/6 has a character strong enough to face the challenges and opportunities in the world. — MR SEAN TAN, FORM TEACHER OF 4/6

There's always this part of me that is sad to see them go but it has been an honour to mould them to be citizens of the world. My 4/7 students have to become mature and level-headed young adults. They have developed from being timid to leading the class during school celebrations, and uninterested in studies to someone who stays back in school to revise. I will miss their camaraderie and positivity, their willingness to listen to good counsel and take advice in good faith knowing how much their teachers care for them. — MDM RAHIMAH, FORM TEACHER OF 4/7

When Graduation Day arrived, it hit me that four years of my life have passed in the blink of an eye. CHR teachers are truly special as they make me genuinely excited for school every day in all four years. I'm grateful with all my heart because without this school, I wouldn't have made so many friends and I honestly think it was fate for me to be in CHR. I look forward to my journey onwards but needless to say, I'll forever hold special memories of CHR in my heart. — RUIYAN (4/4)

I feel a mix of different emotions. For one, I'm happy that my classmates and I are finally graduating. On the other hand, I feel sad because we will all be leaving each other after spending a good 4 years together. I'll miss many things about my CHR especially the class camps that helped me to bond with the people I now call my close friends. Thank you CHR for this secondary school journey. — LUCAS (4/7)



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Fabula Vitae

By Les Literato Team:

Arah Sim Liang Xin (1/3), Giselda Lui Enpei (1/3), Nur Suzianah Binte Hardie Arjuna (1/3), Nur Hamza Fanon Bin Mohammad Rafiz (1/3), Aravindh Thulashitha (2/1), Arushi Ajay Deshpande (2/3), Sharayu Selvaprasad (2/3), Tan Rui Ci (2/3), Jorene Tan Si Xuan (2/5), Bea Trisha Samaniego Bacay (3/2), Tiffanie Kayle Gil Pangan (3/2), Nur Nabilah Binte Hamzah (3/3), Joshni Rowena Joseph (3/4), and Naywirah Aiman Binte Jasmani (3/5)



Head over to our Les Literato Instagram and catch us in action as we capture moments of magic in CHR!

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TRENDING HOBBIES

By Arushi Ajay Deshpande (2/3) and Joshni Rowena Joseph (3/4)

Living in a pandemic has been challenging for many people. However, fret not, because we have narrowed down some trending hobbies to help us cope! Let us dive right in and find out how we can utilise our free time to the fullest!

1. Crocheting

Crocheting - a handicraft that creates textile items using a crochet hook to mesh loops of yarn or thread. A well-loved hobby among middle-aged women, it is becoming increasingly loved by teenagers. Many have crocheted items like coasters, purses, and beanies. For some, crocheting is therapeutic due to its repetitive motion, while others go the extra mile by starting a business to sell their items. With designs in a plethora of colours interlocked together, a wonderful masterpiece can be created! Place it at any part of your house to add some vibrancy in your life!



2. Bullet Journaling

Also known as BuJo, this hobby trains you to organise your events, to-do lists and brainstorming in a notebook. Bullet Journaling is enjoyed by the young and old because it allows them to jot down thoughts, ideas and goals and express themselves freely. Fans of BuJo say that it improves their clarity of mind and productivity. So come and join in because you can be creative and aesthetic in bullet journaling. Think of adding stickers and washi tape, drawing doodles, or even painting designs!



3. Indoor Gardening

Did you know that indoor gardening started way back in the 1400s? Well, houses then had a kitchen garden dedicated for growing plants. Indoor gardening has greatly influenced generation after generation, hence it is a popular hobby till date. Avid indoor gardeners enjoy growing their own fresh veggies and fruits at home so they can use them in their cooking rather than buy them. Indoor plants have therapeutic qualities that reduce stress levels and do wonders in boosting your productivity!



COMIC CORNER

Comic by Giselda Lui Enpei (1/3)

This is what happens in a typical love-hate sibling relationship.



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CHRIAN OF THE TERM: MS WENDY CHEW

By Sharayu Selvaprasad (2/3) and
Tiffanie Kayle Gil Pangan (3/2)

"Chotto matte!" which means "Wait a moment!". That is the catchphrase of our CHRIan of the term. She is in charge of our school's Drama Club and teaches Principles of Account (POA). It is none other than Ms Wendy Chew! We had the chance to chat with the cheerful and optimistic Ms Chew and learned that she, too, is a fan of Korean dramas! Let's find out more!



How would you describe yourself as a student?

I was a reserved student who actually wanted to hide from my teachers! But in JC, I became more adventurous and even joined Chinese Drama as my CCA. I was the typical student who always followed what my parents and teachers advised.

If you could choose any other subject to teach, what would it be and why?

Food & Consumer Education (FCE)! I like to cook but FCE today is different from my time since it involves topics like nutrition for theory. I can imagine teaching Art too! I enjoy watching students create beautiful artworks.

What was your childhood dream job and why?

When I was a child, I wanted to be a lawyer, a doctor and even a hawker! Why a hawker? Well, I feel happy when I cook for other people.

What is your favourite movie or TV show?

I like to watch crime-related shows. I enjoy suspense and thrillers, but I don't enjoy supernatural shows. Recently, I've been interested in a Korean drama called 'Law School'. It's about a murder case which grew increasingly complicated as many unsuspecting people were involved.

If you could go back to the past to change one thing, what would it be and why?

I want to be more courageous and vocal about my dreams and my feelings. When I was a teenager, I didn't have much freedom. I would have liked to share with my parents about my dreams and ambitions, my feelings and opinions instead of avoiding them and keeping to myself. If I had realised this earlier in life, it could have opened many doors of opportunities and experiences.

If you could travel anywhere in the world right now, where would it be and why?

Switzerland! I've been there myself and I really loved the scenery and how peaceful everything was. I felt so free and enjoyed my camping experience.

If you're a student of Ms Wendy Chew, one way to brighten up her day or even her week is to write a heartfelt handwritten note for her. She'll be beaming from ear to ear under her mask!



GAINING HOPE

By Nur Nabilah Binte Hamzah (3/3)

What is it like to feel "Hope"?
Is it a blessing?
Or perhaps a sign?

Imagine being in a dark room
With cold tiles and lonely air,
You feel worried
Would someone out there
come knock on the door?
You close your eyes
ready to accept your fate

You open your eyes
A faint light at the horizon
Someone opens the door
"What is this feeling?"
Hands reaching out to you

"You can do it!"
"I believe in you!"
Those voices say
The light gets brighter,
with each step you take
Those guiding hands
are here for your sake



You've reached the end,
"I finally made it"
What is it like to feel Hope?
It is a prized possession
we shall never lose

HAIKU: OF RICE

By Aravinth Thulashitha (2/1)

Fragrant rice, sweet scent
It enlightens my taste buds
Plate of chicken rice



A HAIKU HOW-TO

Five syllables in the first line

Seven syllables in the second line

Five syllables in the last line



RAVING REVIEWS

Worthwhile movies

By Bea Trisha Samaniego Bacay (3/2)



When the holidays come knocking, it means it's time for relaxation and movies! Here are some movies worth our time.

1. Space Sweepers

Released in February 2021, 'Space Sweepers' is an epic South Korean space sci-fi movie directed by Jo Sung-Hee. The plot follows a crew of space sweepers and their ship, the Victory in the year 2092. The crew made a living off salvaging and selling space debris. Despite a cool job in space, they can barely make ends meet. Their lives change when they meet an adorable seven-year-old humanoid robot, Dorothy, who is wanted by space guards. With amazing CGI effects, this movie is worth watching!

2. The Mitchells vs the Machines

Humour, adventure, science fiction. This movie has it all. This American comedy, sci-fi animation directed by Mike Rianda, sees the Mitchells dubbed as the 'worst' family of all time embarking on a road trip. Lo and behold, they were interrupted by a robot apocalypse and the Mitchells must work as one to save one another and the world. Admittedly, this film may seem like a typical robot-apocalypse movie, but it is one that highlights the importance of open communication with your family. Together with the characters' hilarious sense of humour and family-themed plot, 'The Mitchell's vs The Machines' will knock your socks off!



How People See It



By Arah Sim Liang Xin (1/3), Nur Suzianah Binte Hardie Arjuna (1/3), Nur Hamza Fanon Bin Mohammad Rafiz (1/3), Tan Rui Ci (2/3), Jorene Tan Si Xuan (2/5), Naywirah Aiman Binte Jasmani (3/5)

Have you ever imagined how it would be like being in your favourite movie or show? For this issue, we asked our imaginative CHRians for their response to this question:

If you could be part of a movie, television, or Netflix show, what show would it be and why?

Any Harry Potter movie because I want to experience magic and learn their tricks and magic spells! It'll be great to make friends with Ron, Hermione and Harry. (**Chantelle, 1/2**)

I want to be in 'Haikyuu!!' The story is about a boy determined to become a great volleyball player despite his small stature. I admire how the show normalises teenage boys expressing their emotions like crying when they lost a volleyball match, but they continue to keep strong. (**Crystal, 1/7**)

'Grey's Anatomy'. The show follows the lives of doctors in a hospital. If I'm in the show, I get to learn about medicine and understand the lives of surgeons and how they balance between personal life and work life. (**Aishwini, 3/5**)

I would like to be in the horror movie, 'The Conjuring' because being a fan of the horror genre, I like to feel the intense scary atmosphere in the movie. (**Yanisa, 1/5**)

'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children'. It's a movie about kids with special abilities. I want to experience what it is like to have a special ability, embark on adventures and become brave in the process. (**Raegan, 1/6**)

I want to be in the movie 'Mulan' because it shows that every single woman or girl can be independent and do what we set our minds to. (**Azzalya, 1/4**)

I want to be in the reality show 'Dream Home Makeover'. I've always wondered how it feels to have a famous interior designer completely change your plain-looking house into your ideal dream home. The interior design inspired me because it changes people's lives as they now enjoy living in their welcoming home. (**Durga, 2/3**)

I want to be in the Netflix film, 'J-style Trip'. It follows megastar Jay Chou as he joins his A-list friends in this globe-trotting variety show packed with music and magic tricks. It'll be fun to travel to different countries and meet famous people too! (**Ms Lam, CHR Staff**)



GIVING THANKS

Class of 2021 looks back...

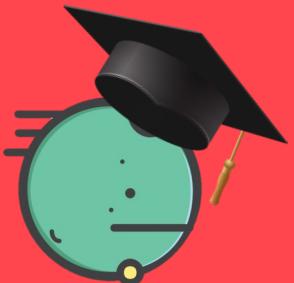
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ONE THING I WILL MISS FROM MY *Secondary School Experience...*

The security guards because we see them everyday and whenever I went home late after the back gate closes, they will always turn back to open the back gate for me. Also, I will miss Mdm Sandy Wong as she is so nice but also strict when it comes to our studies! – **FELICIA (4/3)**

Mr Zul — my form teacher of two years. He didn't teach me any subjects, but still left a significant impact on me. I always feel heard and understood when we talk — be it during CHAT, or during breaks. I know I can confide in him when I need a listening ear from a trusted adult. He also keeps things casual which makes me feel comfortable around him. – **VINATHI (4/2)**

Seeing my friends and classmates in the morning. I will always enjoy being able to interact with them. It brightens my day a lot. – **XANDER (4/3)**



I will miss Ms Ravathi! Although she only joined our class mid-way in Secondary 3, she made a huge impact in my life as she is kind and caring. She always kept a look out for me and is also very understanding and patient with the class. I am happy and grateful to have her as my form teacher. I will miss greeting her every morning and the inside jokes we share! – **REBEKKAH (4/4)**

Ms Loke — my PE teacher. She made every lesson very interesting and fun for the class. She would go all out for us and be there for us when we need her. – **YUXIN (5/1)**



The bell during morning assembly! – **SHAHEZADI (5/1)**

Bundle of joy in CHR



Ms Seah Jiemin's princess!



What's new in CHR?



You wouldn't miss the flashing and cool spotlights in front of our General Office and the cozy waiting area in our General Office!

