

# The Vibes Newsletter

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# CHINESE NEW YEAR, 2024

## THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

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Whenever the topic of Chinese New Year is being brought up, the images of lion dance, red packets and yu sheng surely fills our mind. However, should you ask an EVGian about their Chinese New Year experience in Evergreen, they would definitely bring up our annual hamper wrapping and concerts.

Annually, our school would organise the hamper wrapping activity. However, this year, instead of a hamper, we used a tote bag which makes the event very unique. Students will meticulously arrange various items from canned fruits to toothpaste into the tote bags. To hype up the students during the preparation, the teachers blasted different melodies and I had an amazing time bonding with my classmates as my form teachers played the trending song <          > and tasked my classmates to dance to it.



Next, we headed to the hall and was greeted by the Chinese orchestra's performance. As the concert began, we had a short quiz testing our knowledge on Chinese new year. Afterwards, the guitar ensemble played a medley of Chinese new year songs and it was simply breathtaking. Of course, we had the Malay and Chinese dancers blessing our eyes with extravagant and flowy moves. Unlike every other year, we had dragon dancers join us in the celebration of the year of the dragon and the dancers' movements were spectacular! Lastly, we had a performance called bian lian. Bian lian is a mesmerising art form where the performers instantly change their faces. It was an awe to be able to witness this wonderful performance with our own eyes.

In summary, this Chinese new year celebration was remarkable as a range of new activities were introduced. In addition, various performing arts had performed astoundingly in the marvellous CNY concert! We are sure that Evgians also reciprocate this feeling!

# ORIENTATION CAMPS!



## Camp Confidence: The Start Of A New Endeavour

Written by: Hannah Kaisah (1ETP)

The Secondary One Camp Confidence was a splendid time for the Secondary Ones to bond despite the shyness between most of us at first. It was a completely new environment for us as most of us did not know each other.

The instructors and facilitators who were assigned to our class helped us to warm up. Our class played fun games such as blow wind blow and balloon stacking to bond with one another. In addition, we also rehearsed our performance for the camp finale, which we greatly enjoyed. In the midst of this, with our facilitators' help, we eventually made friends within our class. Our facilitators were all very friendly. They are well missed by me and my classmates. Some facilitators still keep in touch with my classmates to this day.



For most of us, our favourite part of the camp would be the camp finale. All the Secondary One classes had to put up a performance for our cohort, some of our schoolmates' parents and school leaders to watch.





We were anxious to perform in the beginning however, eventually, we started enjoying ourselves as we grooved to our performances in the hall. Despite the challenges, most of us wish we could go back to that very moment to relive it again because we enjoyed it very much! This camp is a memory that will definitely have a lasting impression on us.

## Camp Dynamism: Learning for life! ★ ★

*Written by: Iwani Hidayati (2ETP) & Meranda Ong (2CMT)*

Camp Dynamism was a joy and a fresh start to Secondary 2. After all, not many of us were eager or delighted to start yet another school year full of studying. Thus, we were surprised when it was announced to us that a 3-day camp would be organized by our teachers for us to get back into the school year.



The first day of the camp was embarking on a trip to Sentosa. Upon our arrival, we were pleasantly greeted and introduced to our coach for the day, who would be leading us to the different sights and wonders in Sentosa. Our class was split into two groups, each of the groups led by a competent yet fun coach. Together, we teamed up with the members in our respective groups and actively participated in the activities planned for us there.

The second day of the camp taught us a rather important skill: CPR & AED. We were taught by wonderful vendors the basics of CPR & AED, and we also had the chance to test our newly developed skills on a training dummy set up for us. We even gained the opportunity to use the AED kit and learned how to use the defibrillator on the dummy. During the lessons, we learnt the importance of learning these life-saving skills as without them, we would not be able to aid others in times of need.



Last but certainly not least, on the final day of the orientation camp, we were taught how to play archery tag. This was by far the most anticipated activity of the camp, and it did not disappoint. The host venue for the activity was massive, and we had a wonderful time teaming up together to shoot our opponents and hitting the targets during the games, using the skill of archery taught to us.

Overall, the camp was both a fun and educational experience. It gave us insightful knowledge and an entertaining time throughout the camp. The built-up anticipation was not wasted, and the camp gave us an enjoyable and enriching time.



# Camp Resilience: A Transformative Journey

Written by: Caius Choo (3 ITG)

Camp resilience was a long-anticipated event by the Secondary 3 cohort.

Upon our arrival at the campsite, we were pleasantly greeted by the instructors in charge there. The first thing they taught us was some adrenaline-inducing cheers to hype up the classes, one of these such cheers was the “makan” cheer, which we had to do before each meal during our time there.



Subsequently, we were split into 3 groups with fairly distinct and unique names, Inky, Pinky and Ponky. Over the course of those 3 days, we got the opportunity to try out multiple physically challenging activities. We did low elements, kayaking and even learned how to use a compass to navigate the outskirts of the campsite to locate landmarks.



However, one of the most crucial lessons of the camp was when we learned to appreciate the small things in life. The session included putting ourselves into the shoes of the blind, and going for a walk safely guided by the instructors to experience the feeling of being sightless by wearing a blindfold.

Truly, it was an incredibly enriching experience. The camp taught us vital life skills such as resilience, and critical thinking and aided us in stepping out of our comfort zone. To be given the opportunity to attend this camp has boosted our confidence and morale. The high anticipation was definitely not a waste.



# Camp Readiness: Preparation for the Future



Written by: Batrisyah (4THK), Laekeisha (4THK) & Pauline (4THK)

Camp readiness was a week-long programme dedicated to the graduating cohort. During this time, we were given the opportunity to explore more about our tertiary education as well as future career options.

The most memorable experience was when all of us got to tour an industry facility of our interest. There was a wide variety of industries that we could select from such as STEM, hospitality, film and media and even aviation! Through this experience, we gained more insights into what it would be like to work at these institutions. It was truly an eye-opening experience.



In addition, we dived deeper into our future career aspirations. The graduating cohort was tasked to create a vision board and share our desired post-secondary education pathways with the class. Through research, we gained confidence in our future plans, alleviating uncertainties that lie ahead. We also gained public speaking skills as we had to present our vision boards to our teachers and fellow classmates.

Not to mention, we had a vendor who talked about insightful studying methods and how to be a better version of ourselves academically. The facilitator who taught my class was extremely fun as he kept on cracking jokes. Whilst doing so, he taught us the 3-2-1 summary technique, which is to come up with three main ideas or concepts, two connections to other readings, oneself, or the community, and one question to clarify, reflect, or discuss.

Overall, camp readiness was a huge reassurance that we, the graduating students, have nothing to worry about as our future has been secured. Although there may be bumps along the way, we know we'll have each other's backs as through this camp, we learned to support one another.

# THE WORLD OF MUSIC AT EVG

Written by: Falisyah (3 ITG), Haellie (3ITG) & Nabila (4ITG)

Music, an art that brings people together. We're sure that many Evgians have attended concerts held in Singapore for the past few years by prestigious artistes such as Conan Gray, Coldplay etc. However, what if you miss out on attending their concerts just like one of our writers? Fret not, Evergreen will help you achieve your aspiration!

Do you remember the spectacular performance we had in the hall a few weeks ago? We're here to let you in on some insights that you may want to know about this program. For instance, why did the school even organise this program in the first place? Well upon interviewing Mr Soong, he told us that he aims to let Evgians experience something different from our everyday school activities and through this he hopes to inculcate Evergreen's 4 core values into us.



Another reason was to expose us to new knowledge. For example, the band that was invited had exposed us to the different genres and the evolutions of rock during the assembly. He also stated that he wanted the school to experience playing in an orchestra, hence, the need for the use of GarageBand. However, due to some miscommunications, the iPad orchestra did not go as planned as the instrument that had been chosen was not suitable for the song being played. Not to worry if you didn't get to play during the assembly, you will be given the opportunity to try again in an upcoming concert organised by Mr Soong!

Further diving into the genre, rock music is actually a genre defined by powerful instruments. The different genres of rock music from classic rock to punk continues to influence and shape the music industry everyday. With its electrifying guitars, drums and vocals, it gives the audiences the impression of powering music. This is such insightful information for us as we especially enjoy rock music!

So, has our article immersed you more in the world of music? We hope you can keep exploring and discovering music and its wonders! Music is truly a universal language that connects everyone together.



# LOVE CONCERTS? HERE ARE SOME TIPS!

A Guide for a wonderful concert experience

Written by: Jennabel (2ITG) & Maryam (2THK)

2024, the year for concerts. If you are lucky enough to secure tickets, this guide is perfect for you!



First and foremost, check the guidelines for your concert.

Each concert has specific guidelines to be followed. Make sure to look out for regulations on the size of the bags and sign boards that you are allowed to bring and also the allowed items in the venue. This will make things easier for you and the security so you can breeze pass through the check.

Secondly, pack lightly with just the essentials. Some examples would be your power banks and wires, phones, ez-link cards, water bottles, wallets, earplugs and of course, your tickets. Be sure to check the weather forecast for the day beforehand too.

As most Singaporeans know, our country is always humid so dress comfortably but also in your own style. Avoid wearing thick fabrics or sweaters as they are not suitable for jumping up and down while screaming your lungs out to the lyrics. Last but most importantly, enjoy the exhilarating experience!

# **WELCOMING TEPLEELA: AN EXCHANGE OF CULTURES**

*Written by: Lynn (4RSP) & Arissa (4ITG)*

Recall the vibrant pink skirts, traditional Thai clothing and enthralling Thai music that graced our stage? Evergreen had the honour of hosting Tepleela school, our twinning school from Bangkok, Thailand on 18 January 2024. I'm sure you saw their stunning performance on stage that day! We were amazed by their crafted choreography paired with flower bouquets and flawless lip sync! Not to mention, the display of Muay Thai gave us a peek into Thai culture. It was really interesting to see the difference between our two cultures.



Afterwards, we headed to the Spectrum for ice-breaking games such as musical chairs. It's thrilling to be anticipating the time you have to battle for a chair!

Through our different immersion programmes, we showed them Evergreen! Gamelan was one of the few that we proudly showcased. The captivating and powerful performance by Gamelan had classics such as Chan Mali Chan and Rasa Sayang. Their vibrant performance piqued the interest of many Tepleela students, prompting many to try out the unique instruments!



Additionally, we used iPads to introduce them to E Music lessons. We taught our buddies how to use GarageBand, and with practice, we were ready to play! Under the direction of Mr Soong, we successfully performed a short snippet of ‘Beauty and the Beast’!



Unfortunately, good things all come to an end. Although it was painful to bid goodbye, we were given the opportunity to do a gift exchange with our buddies. As a memento, I wanted my buddy to get a taste of my childhood so I gave her some Singaporean snacks people ate growing up! This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, serving as a reminder of the importance of cross-cultural exchanges! Let me end with the sentence, “There are no strangers here, just friends you have not yet met.”



*Me and my buddy!*

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