

QIFA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Qifa Bulletin

September 2023

A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We ended a very busy term 3 on a high-note — Teacher's Day celebration. The students of Qifa have been so wonderful and appreciative of the teachers. Thank you, parents, for instilling in your children, the virtue of gratitude for the teachers. Teaching is a calling. One that demands tremendous love for children and dedication to the craft of teaching. We are glad that we have you, parents as our partners, in educating your child.

In this issue, we proudly share the 58th National Day commemoration and celebrations with you. Singapore is only as great as its people; and our children will grow up one day, making our country count in the eyes of the world.

We have also included the pictures of the year 2022 recipients of the Char Yong (Dabu) Scholarships — a grand total of 67 proud recipients! We thank Char Yong (Dabu) Association for the generous scholarships for Qifa students.

As we go into the last academic term of the year, I wish students all the best in their year-end examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Catherine Chiang Principal

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Key Updates

1. Cyber Wellness Carnival 2023

The Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) Committee organised a week-long Cyber Wellness Carnival from 25 to 28 July. The carnival seeks to deepen students' awareness and knowledge in navigating safely in the cyberspace.

Our Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) facilitated the various activities and students had fun playing the games. They learnt some useful tips on responsible online behaviour and were reminded to take control of their online activities by moderating and monitoring their screen time. The station masters also emphasised the importance of responsible and courteous online interaction. Finally, students were taught tangible steps that they could take to safeguard their personal information.

With greater awareness, we hope that our students will practise balanced, respectful and informed online behaviour!



Take Control!

Be a master of games, Not to be mastered by games.



Learning positive online behaviours through gamification.

Key Updates — Cyber Wellness Carnival 2023 (cont'd)





Learning how to manage online information

Reflecting on our key takeways

Ms Chui Ru Wei Teacher / PSR Team (CCE Committee)

Key Updates

1. National Day 2023 School Commemoration

This year's National Day (ND) theme, 'Onward As One', came 'alive' in Qifa as our students filled the school hall with their bright red T-shirts and waved the Singapore flag high, with confidence and immense pride.

"I love Singapore because it is a safe and clean environment!"

"I love Singapore because of the yummy food and interesting places!"

In preparation for this momentous occasion, our school conducted pre-National Day lessons which gave students the opportunity to share their reflections with creative illustrations and meaningful thoughts. Their learning was further enhanced through the assembly programme and CCE (FTGP) lesson activities which helped to deepen their sense of belonging and gratitude to the nation.

On 8 August, all students gathered in the school hall to celebrate Singapore's 58th birthday. We witnessed the symbolic march-in ceremony, sang our National Anthem with gusto and recited our Pledge with pride. Mr Faisal, HOD/Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy & Partnerships (LEAP), led the school in our Recollections, reminding every Singaporean of our journey towards gaining independence.

Our Choir CCA members kickstarted the celebrations with a wonderful rendition of songs that serenaded the audience. Our Drama Club members also put up an act titled 'My Lovely Island Home'. "I will stand for my country, this beautiful island home. With bright futures ahead of us, in a land called Singapore", these lines perfectly echoed the theme for ND 2023 which calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people.

The climax of the celebration was the 'Dance of the Nation' that featured our ND 2023 theme song, 'Shine Your Light'. It was a heartwarming moment to see the priceless expression on our students' faces as they moved along to the upbeat tempo and danced to their heart's content.

Key Updates — National Day 2023 School Commemoration (cont'd)

School will continue to engage the hearts and minds of our students, educate them about the Singapore Story, celebrate her achievements and deepen their appreciation for the nation.

Qifa Primary, Let's Onward As One!

Mr Leang Shi Yan

Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) Coordinator

Key Updates — National Day 2023 School Commemoration (cont'd)

Our National Day photo collage



March-in ceremony



Students standing at attention for the Observance Ceremony



Students reciting our Pledge



Our Choir members and Teachers-in-Charge



Our drama club members in action!



Our lovely student emcees!



Our teachers leading "Dance of the Nation"



Collaboration during CCE (FTGP) Lessons



"Onward As One!"

Key Updates

2. <u>Qifa Choir — National Day Performances</u>

On 8 August 2023, Qifa Choir performed at the school's National Day celebration. The choir members took the lead in the National Day songs sing-along session. The members, adorned in coordinated red Choir T-shirts and caps, exhibited tremendous enthusiasm and confidence during the performance.



Choir's rendition of Bunga Sayang



Choir's performance of the song, 隐形的翅膀. in the school hall.



Choir leading the school in the Sing-Along segment of the National Day celebration program.

On 12 August 2023, Choir had an invaluable opportunity to perform at the National Day Celebration hosted by the West Coast Vista Residents' Committee at Blk 731 Clementi West Street 2. This event, dedicated to our nation's pride and unity, welcomed our esteemed Guest-of-Honour, Minister Desmond Lee and enthusiastic residents from across the constituency.

The Choir put on an amazing performance, captivating the audience with renditions of 'Bunga Sayang', '隱形的翅膀' and 'Burung Kakak Tua', songs that echoed the spirit of the nation. The support of families and friends added to the heartwarming atmosphere, making the event truly special.

One of the event's highlights was the cake-cutting ceremony that saw our choir members sharing the spotlight with Minister Desmond Lee as they collectively attempted to extinguish candles on a beautifully decorated cake. The day proved to be an absolute delight for everyone involved, culminating in a memorable and wonderful experience. Kudos to the Choir for their remarkable performance!

Key Updates — Qifa Choir — National Day Performances (cont'd)

Our utmost appreciation goes to the families of our students whose unwavering support played a significant role in the success of these events.



Choir members holding the Singapore flag during the singing of the National Anthem.



Qifa Choir performing at West Coast Vista Pavilion.



Choir members helping Minister Desmond Lee to extinguish candles on the cake.



Singing the Birthday song to celebrate Singapore's 58th birthday.

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Mrs Rebecca Wong Teacher-in-charge / Choir With contributions from Mdm Valerie Tan

Accolades

1. Char Yong Scholarships Ceremony 2023



On 29 July, the Char Yong Scholarships Ceremony 2023 was held at Char Yong Association. In recognition of outstanding achievement in character excellence and academic performance, a total of 67 scholarships were awarded to Primary 1 to 6 students from the 2022 cohort. Many parents graced the occasion to lend their support to their children, signifying a strong home-school-community partnership that the school strives to sustain.



Top PSLE 2022

Mrs Diana Kang Vice Principal

Accolades — Char Yong Scholarships Ceremony 2023 (cont'd)



Top Primary 5 (2022) Academic Performance



Top Primary 4 (2022) Academic Performance



Top Primary 3 (2022) Academic Performance



Exemplary Character Awards 2022 (Primary 1 to 6)



Exemplary Excellence 2022 (Primary 1 to 6)



Best in Progress (Primary 1 and 2)