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# Congratulations to the U12 Boys Basketball Team!

They started their season off strong with a (44-20) victory against ICS. The boys secured their second consecutive win against AIS and in their third game they pulverised UWC East with an excellent victory (46-9). This year U12 Boys Team is promoted to play Division 2. Well done Phoenix! The boys are highly motivated and this has had a huge impact on their games. Thanks to Mr Newberry as coach; he is very positive about his team and the players are very excited about their achievements.

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# International School Art Exhibition 2019

Visual Art students exhibited their artwork as part of the collaboration between the Art departments of 15 International schools in Singapore. This exhibition provides an ideal showcase for a collection of student talent with extraordinary artwork in a variety of media and styles.

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# Sam's Story of Football and Cockatoos

This is my story.

If you ever felt homesick or sad for moving countries, you don't have to worry.

There are many people in Chatsworth, and in no time at all, you will have many friends or at least, someone to play with in Chatsworth.

I remember when I first got here, I had no friends at all. I kept thinking of my home back in Australia, how I missed it.

I missed the cold, fresh air and the sulphur-crested cockatoos that used to come and play in my backyard, during the winter months.

Cockatoos are beautiful birds. They would eat fruit from a tree in front of my neighbour's house. A few of them would sit on my fence and one Cockatoo will look at me having my tea after school.

I remember my friends in my old school, how we played "Tag" during recess. We had lots of fun! I remember their faces and their names: Kibunja, Benjamin, Cameron, Joshua, Jermaine, In-Woo, James, Robin, Arya, Channer and many more. We have known each other since Prep. Prep was a long time ago.

Back at Chatsworth - One day, a boy called Joseph ("J.L") introduced himself and directed me to the canteen. I still felt lonely, but at lunch, I found some Year 4 boys. Someone bought me an orange juice and I got to play with some kids. I still do not know all their names but we nod at each other, and play football in the mornings. I can't wait to get to school in the mornings before 8.30 a.m.

There are many nations in this school and everyone is normal. No one is the odd one out. Everyone tries to include, not exclude.

You feel like you want to go back to your old life but you can't. Singapore is home now.

You have to find something you like doing and kids who like doing the same thing. Well, by the time you have been here for a while, you will regret wanting to leave. There are fun games that you will like and enjoy, and they are for all of you - from K1 to Year 13! So, please don't be in a hurry to leave unless you have to, for we are ONE **from ALL NATIONS.** 

If you ever feel lonely in school, remember Sam's story.

- Sebastian Scully ("Sam") Year 4



# Congratulations to the U14 Girls Touch Rugby Team!

What a season! With a team of girls whom 80% had never played an actual game of touch before, we headed into the season with a mission to learn the game and have fun. Helping lead the change was senior students Jodi and Saveena, together with teacher coach, Mr Serong who provided excellent coaching and support throughout the games. It was great to see the girls become one team with all players helping to achieve each win. With our last 2 games against AIS and UWC East being comfortable victories the girls secured the Gold Medal in an undefeated season!

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## **UN Day 2019**

This year, Chatsworth celebrated the United Nations Day with the theme 'Climate Action'. It was held on the 11th of October. I personally am very new to UN Day celebrations. Out of curiosity and interest in this year's UN Day theme, I decided to be part of the UN Day committee. Throughout one month of preparations, I realised how meaningful UN Day is for Chatsworth. It is the annual celebration where our unique and diverse school community gather.

The UN Day committee was led by Mr Thinagar and consisted of Year 12 and 13 students. We made banners and decorations and prepared the events. The decorations were mostly hand made using our creativity; they turned out to be really nice. A day before UN Day, we decorated the whole school and prepared the nest for performances. We were also hoping that it would not rain on the next day as some of the activities were going to be held outdoors.

On UN Day, everyone wore their own national clothing. It was very interesting to see the diversity in Chatsworth, especially during the Parade of Nations. The parade was the opening of this whole event. They all seemed very happy and proud when walking down to the nest. I also got to walk with other students from my country. When we walked through while holding our national flag, our national anthem played and I felt happy. I then understood why everyone appreciates this annual event. However, it turned out that apart from the parade, the activities, performances and the food bazaar were also the reason why everyone loves UN Day.

After the parade, we had a short opening ceremony. It was then followed by parent-led activities and other student activities. The secondary students participated in parent-led activities.

Overall, UN Day is a very important event for Chatsworth's community. One of my friends said that she wishes UN Day to be celebrated more than once a year because it is very exciting. I believe many other students feel the same way too. As part of the committee, I am really proud of what we prepared. As part of Chatsworth's community, I look forward to next year's UN Day.

#### - Jessica Cohen













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## Halloween Celebration

Everyone had a spooktacular time on October 31st 2019. Both Primary and Secondary students celebrated Halloween by dressing up in their most festive and creative costumes. During Secondary lunch, the Student Council held a costume competition in the Nest. Congratulations to all the winners!

The campus was full of some frightening and beautiful costumes. Even some of the teachers were dressed up, spreading the holiday spirit.

With a school like Chatsworth, not everybody celebrates or believes in the same things as everybody else, but everybody had the chance to learn more about the holiday, to celebrate by joining in the activities or by just having a good time. - Ailish Ma





























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## **Bukit Tinggi Friendship Day 2019**

On November 28th, the MYP1 students from all 4 campuses on Bukit Tinggi road came together to have a friendship day exclusively for the MYP1 students. The students from the Dutch school, the Korean International School, the Swiss School and Chatsworth participated in activities and played games with one



another. The aim of friendship day was to get all of the students in the area to interact with one another and learn about the different cultures of the schools. At the start of friendship day, an opening ceremony with all the schools was held at the Korean school. The group then divided into smaller groups with students from all the schools in every group. The groups went their separate ways and went to different campuses to play different games that are related to the culture of the different schools. The cultural activities varied from traditional sports to fun activities from each school. The groups could walk freely from campus to campus.

Lunch was held at Chatsworth, and the schools all brought a meal from their cultures to share, and the students got to try delicious food from different countries. The closing ceremony was then held back at the Korean school.

Overall, Friendship day was a great experience for the students and an excellent way for schools to connect with each other and learn about each other's cultures.



#### - Cedric Issel









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