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## U19 Basketball Champions

With six Y13 student athlete players on this year's team, five of whom were part of the U16 Gold Champions of 2017-18 season (Anirudh Sairam, Kunal Wagle, Aranya Mukherjee, Keshav Nair and Miles Saunders), we set out to send them off with another Gold Championship finish. The sixth Y13 player was newcomer Harry Shaw.



We still had Alfonso Tugas-Patrimonio as the lone Y12 player back and added two Y11 players (Sam Lapsley and Sabian Nasiff) plus four Y9 players (Nicholas Capri, Billy Miro, Grant Newman and Master Kittichaikarn) to complete the squad. Starting with pre-season fitness conditioning/basketball skills training in October the boys were committed to having a good season. We are the 2019-2020 Gold Champions! Thank you to all who came to support during the games!

*-Coach Joe*

# Curriculum Enhancement Week



The year 8 and 9 students had a combined CEW this year, spending two nights on Pulau Ubin. During this time they did many activities such as a challenge rope course, outdoor cooking, kayaking and a cycling expedition.

The adventure started in Singapore, where they went to HomeTeamNS to participate in fun activities such as abseiling, a rope course and a caving experience. They then went to Pulau Ubin, where they set up their tents and did some outdoor cooking. The students also met and played with two dogs that were at the campsite, where they camped in eight-man tents for both nights.

The second day, they walked down to the beach to begin a six hour kayaking expedition, which would take them through the jungle, open river and the mangroves, which the students had to use a map to navigate through. That night there was a campfire where students had time to reflect on their experiences and appreciate others. The next day, the students deconstructed their tents and campsite. After that, there was a cycling tour through the scenic Pulau Ubin jungle. Sadly, this was the last activity. Although it was short, CEW was very fun, had many activities, and overall was an awesome experience for the students.

*-Cedric Issel*



# Curriculum Enhancement Week

In January, we had a CEW. There were lots of activities such as the amazing race, strong man challenge, and even the Luge. Personally, my favourite was the hourglass challenge, where we had to be very brave and climb a 24-meter structure with tons of obstacles. The greatest part of the CEW was the activities, but there were other things that made the year 7's CEW camp at Sentosa, fun and interesting.

We started our first day by taking a bus to the campsite, after that we dropped our bags off and went to have lunch, which was chicken and rice. Next, we went to the Images of Singapore museum, which led into Madame Tussauds. In Images of Singapore we got to meet people from Singaporean history and find out what life was like for them at the time when they were alive. When we went into Madame Tussauds we saw wax figures of the most popular and influential people in the world like Gandhi and Katy Perry. After that, we went to the Marvel 4D experience where we watched a mini Avengers movie in 4D. After we had finished with the museums and 4D experience, we went to the Luge where we rode a mini go-kart down a hill. Finally, we started the amazing race which took us all around Sentosa to look for the correct places. *-Kiva Jenson*

The CEW is a week where our learning and growth opportunities are challenged and we are exposed to new adventures. This helps us gain experiences and helps us in engaging with different cultures through different activities. The Year 12 CEW was combined with the Year 11s and the Year 13s. The CEW was held in school premises for the first time. The outdoor activities that we did were 'Dialogue in the Dark' and Dragon Boating'. Apart from this, we also had a lot of indoor activities such as laser tag, water balloon fights, board games/card games and sports. *-Sannika Zanwar*



# ChatsNews : Connecting Our School Community

ChatsNews is a weekly video broadcast, released online every Wednesday morning. The program runs for approximately 5-10mins and covers various happenings from across both the Bukit Timah and Orchard campuses. It includes interviews with students, teachers, and other school community members and visitors.

The students who present the news are part of a secondary Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) that meets and films each Tuesday during lunch. Many of these students are involved in creating stories throughout the week. Also, additional stories and items are initiated and submitted from students and teachers from any year level.

Throughout this academic year, we've seen stories on curriculum items on Design class, Visual Arts units, Mathematics in Primary, Science and more. ChatsNews has also celebrated the achievements of some of our sporting talent and academic achievers, interviewing and congratulating them. We've also seen reports on school-wide special events, such as Chinese New Year and UN Day.

When ChatsNews "premieres" on YouTube on Wednesdays, primary and secondary students watch in their class. It has been a hit with Primary students and our Secondary students really enjoy creating something for the whole school community.

"I've really enjoyed seeing the confidence of our students grow, as they volunteer to present the news and file reports," said Mr Burke who coordinates ChatsNews.

"The biggest plus about ChatsNews has been the positivity the students have generated, with everyone across both Orchard and Bukit Timah getting the chance to see some of the really good things that are happening in different classrooms."

ChatsNews is an addition to the Chatsworth International School community that we can all be justifiably proud of, as it lives the Chatsworth ethos to Inspire, Educate and Enlighten.

*-Mr Burke, Education Technology Coach*



"ChatsNews can be funny sometimes and it can also provide the school news at the same time." *-Aidan, Y7*

"ChatsNews is fun because we get to see the behind the scenes of the really well edited videos and also be in it."

*-Sean, Y7*

"I love ChatsNews. I love the fact that I am going to be in the blooper reel and I love the fact that everyone in the CCA do not judge each other when we do make mistakes. I feel delighted about the fact that primary students love ChatsNews"

*-Thanida, Y8*

"I have enjoyed doing the weather with 'swag lan'. I think more secondary students have developed an interest in ChatsNews."

*-Ian, Y11*

"I think it is popular because we post it every week."

*-Kota, Y7*

"I think it's good to see what the secondary students are doing"

*- Kavinesh, Y4*





Year of the Rat



# Chinese New Year Celebration



## Gong Xi Fa Cai!

The year of the rat has finally arrived! It's really exciting, but do you really know all about it? Here is the whole story of this Chinese celebration.

Once upon a time there was an argument between 12 animals because they wanted to know who was the fastest. To calm them down, the God decided to make a race. "Whoever shall come first shall be placed in the Zodiac," the god announced. "You will have to cross the river and whoever gets to the other side will be placed. Meet me here tomorrow morning." All the animals were excited by this. The next day, every animal joined the race. "On a count of three. One, two, three," shouted the god.



What a race it was! They were pushing, yelling, splashing at each other. Every animal was swimming as fast as they could. Some animals got in the way of each other, but one of them was cheating. It was the rat. He climbed on the ox's back and with the ox's thick fur, the ox couldn't even feel the rat. Near the end, the rat jumped on the other side. That is why the rat is first in the Animal Zodiac. But don't you wonder why the cat isn't in the animal zodiac? Well, the reason is because the rat lied to the lazy cat that the race would be January 2nd instead of January 1st. That's why the cat was not in the animal zodiac.



*-Ayaka Tsuzuki*



## Language LAh

This year's Language "LAh" celebration took place on Tuesday, 21st January 2020. It has been a tradition to have an assembly to celebrate French, Chinese and Spanish languages taught in Secondary School and their cultures. We did the same this year.

Year 7 Mandarin students recited Tang Dynasty poems and sang a song of "shēng lǜ qǐméng", a rudimentary book of demand on phonetics for ancient Chinese poems. Year 9 & 10 French students sang a French classic: Aux Champs Élysées. Year 10 Mandarin students performed a song "Singing Face Masks", which combines pop music with Beijing Opera. Then we had quizzes for homerooms. The quizzes were well received by the students. After the quizzes Gavin sang "Tuyo", a Spanish song, with guitar by Siwoo and keyboard by James. Finally, Mandarin and French students sang "Let it Go" in Mandarin, French and English to end the assembly. Gavin and Sabian volunteered to sing Spanish songs in the assembly. Due to the time limit, Sabian sang "Amor de siempre" while students were leaving the Nest for lunch. Thanks to Gavin and Sabian for your great songs.

We believe that the poems and songs are connected well with language learning and we hope that they resonate well with all the students, including our special guests - the Year 6 students.

*-Mdm Wang, HOD, LOTE*



## Chatsworth Teacher Recruitment and Job Fairs



Job fairs are one of our best ways of recruiting enthusiastic, knowledgeable and caring teachers to come and join our school for the next academic year.

A typical job fair has up to a hundred schools and a thousand teaching candidates from all around the world. The schools each give a presentation on themselves and there's a large sign-up session where teachers rush to queue at their preferred schools to ask for an interview. We were proud that Chatsworth had the longest queue of any school at the fair in Melbourne.

After the sign-ups there are two days in which we interview dozens of candidates, discuss how well each one would add to our community, and finally make offers to our preferred candidates. Of course, many candidates have offers from different schools but Chatsworth is usually high on their list so we have a good acceptance rate.

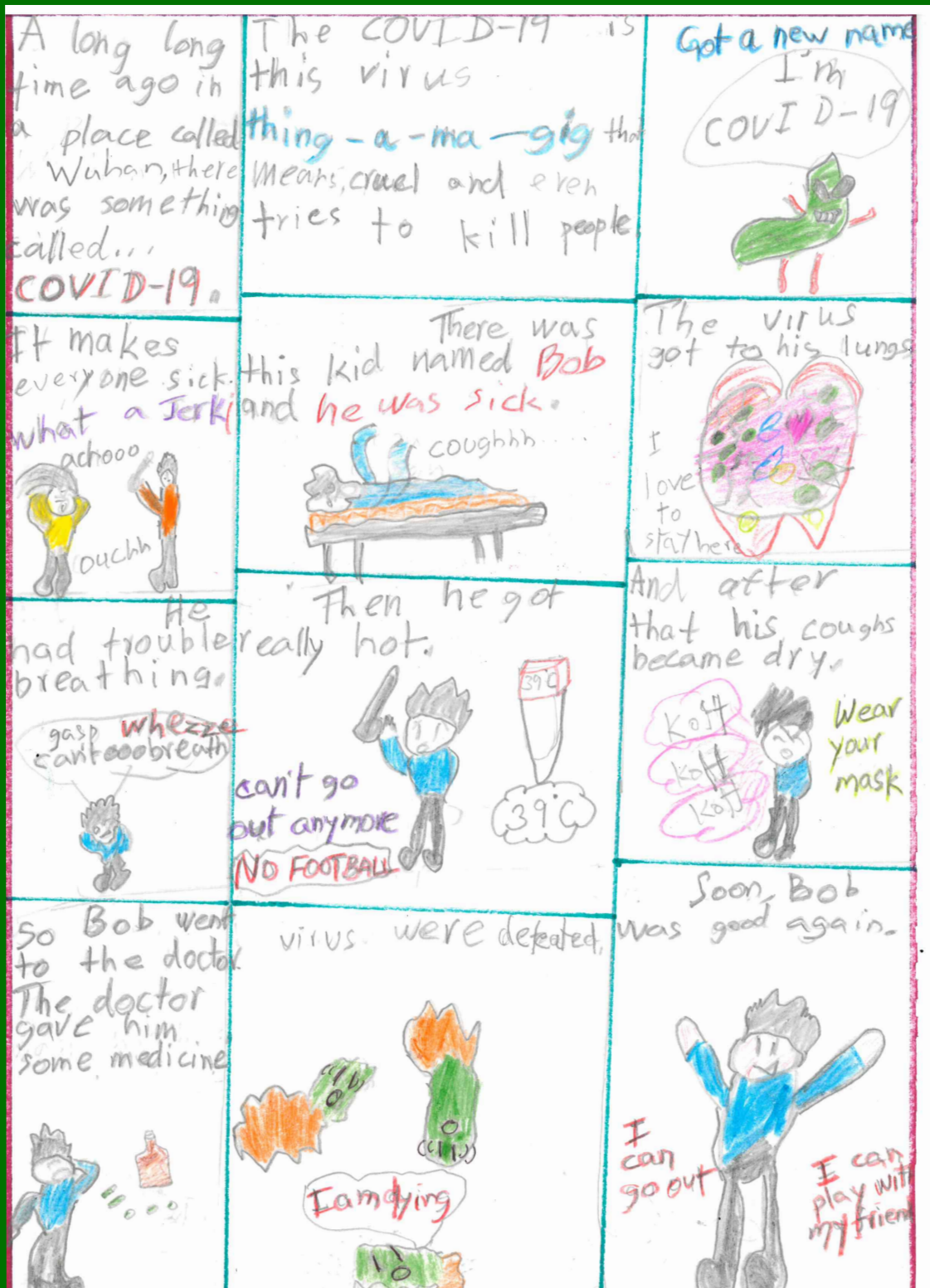
I've learned that it's an intense and tiring experience, in some ways like a very long CEW. At the end of the fairs we were pleased to have signed on some excellent teachers for next year but, most of all, glad to be back home with our families and back in school with our students and colleagues.

*-Mr Costich, Assistant Head of Secondary*

# COVID-19 :

Protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading COVID-19. Let's be a responsible global citizen and do our part for the community.

Manage my health. Maintaining clean hands. Minimise contact. Mask up when unwell.  
Monitor the news and the development.



- Lokesh, Y6



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# MYP Personal Project Exhibition 2020



Each year, we look forward to the MYP Personal Project Exhibition where our Year 11s proudly showcase the results of their independent research project on topics of their own choosing and share their learning experiences. The exhibition that took place on 13th January 2020 was a great success.

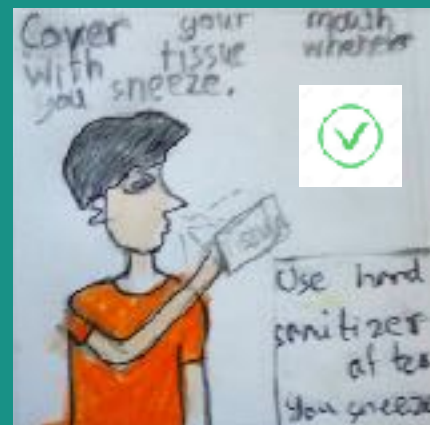
We are very pleased and impressed with their work and research on a wide array of topics including producing a Minecraft "T.V" show, constructing a bioactive vivarium and exotic pet keeping, creating anti-bluelight glasses, coding a website using HTML and CSS, creating organic make-up, designing an eco-family house with its finished physical model, creating a fashion line through mood boards, creating a vegan cookbook and many more.

The Personal Project is the culminating experience of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme, and its successful completion marks a milestone achievement. The project fleshes out the inquiry skills and knowledge students have developed throughout the MYP years. There is a great scope for creativity and students can tailor the projects based on their passions and interests and used a variety of approaches to explore the topics and present their findings and products.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Exhibition and congratulations to all MYP5 students for their excellent work!



## Good Personal Hygiene Habits



- Kavinessh, Y4