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"Alohomora!" The Houses Have Opened

HOUSE OF
INTEGRITAS

HOUSE OF
QUANTUM

HOUSE OF
CONCORDIA

HOUSE OF
CURAE



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Reading is Boring



Some see it as a chore to make understanding of a wall of text. Reading is for nerds, some would think. Others see it as an adventure.

The one hour between 7:00 and 8:00 has to be one of the best hours of school. You get to open a book and read, entering a whole new dimension of imagination. You can read any type of English book, from Science to Sci-Fi and fantasy. It helps with all of the aspects of English as well as creativity. Reading has a lot of its pros.

It is an hour of silence where you can learn about anything.

from the heroic adventure of Percy Jackson to the life of Steve Jobs, it opens your eyes and lets you look to other dimensions than school work. In Secondary 1 Faith, our homeroom teacher often at times will cover our reading by opening the BBC website for us to watch the news and prepare for our iGCSEs.

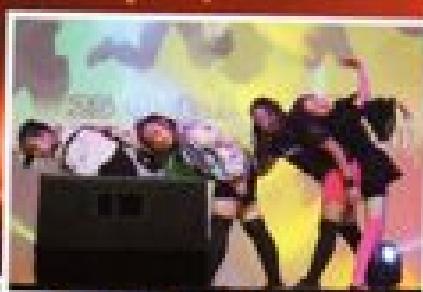
There are different mediums and genres of reading. By reading you live in so many lives! A person who doesn't read only has one. Reading can spread information and imagination, that you could live another person's vivid memory.

This is why I love the Morning Reading time. It is a great addition to the school schedule where all imagination and thoughts are let loose. Some prefer long intricate plots, while others like short compilations of stories. Either way, it sure does take your thoughts somewhere. Let's broaden our imaginations through the medium of books! If you don't see that happening, then for you reading is boring.

By Fruity, Sec1 Faith



DANCE COMPETITION



Teachers Feature

Destiny's Play

His mathematics teacher once told him that he should start thinking about being a maths teacher in the future. Teacher David never initially intended to become a teacher. Being born into an educational atmosphere, he had inspiration from his younger sister and two cousins who were in the process of becoming teachers. It can be traced back from his father's ancestry. "It seems it was destiny's play that steered my life to become a teacher," stated Teacher David.

Aside from teaching, the cool teacher has interesting collections. His interest in Geology, makes him collect rock and minerals. He also collects variety of sports cards, stamps, and coins. He is an animal lover too! Cats, dogs, turtles, and can you imagine, lizards? Wow! However, he had adamantly stated that spiders are nowhere to be found on his list as they are just too creepy!

When asked, how would his life be if he wasn't a teacher, Teacher David simply replied, "Today, it is difficult to imagine not seeing myself as a teacher after more than thirty years since beginning this journey in education. After facing so many twists and turns, I have finally reached the point that I can happily say, teaching



is what I am all about!" For curiosity sake, when I asked if he would prefer to teach any other subjects other than English, Teacher David mused that he had once thought of teaching everyone how to disco dance as he enjoys listening to disco, but then again it's always better to play safe and stick to teaching English.

With Ardor and Diligence

Languages are not easy to learn, it requires years and years of hard work and practice in order to achieve the goal.

A famous quote from Abigail Adams truly justifies the situation in which Teacher Amanda had been through. "Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence." Teacher Amanda, who comes from China found English difficult at first. However, the belief and encouragement from her loving English teacher motivated her to give her best diligence and enthusiasm in learning it. Now she can converse well enough with her friends in English.

teacher Amanda loves reading variety of books. She recently finished reading a novel written by Edith Wharton, "The Age Of Innocence." Out of curiosity, I asked her if she do it if she gets the chance to teach English. "No, speaking a language is totally different from teaching one," she explained. "I would love to teach cooking though, as it is what I currently enjoy doing," she countered with a smile.

Teacher Amanda also enjoys collecting picture books. She also loves to travel and can you believe it, she had collected more than 200 postcards from all around the world! Impressive! Next on her bucket list is Iceland as she wants to experience the Aurora Borealis. I wonder when will I get the chance.

I'd like to end this with a fun fact. Teacher Amanda is fond of sleeping. She can sleep for 20 hours straight! Yes, you heard it right! But I wonder which is stronger, her being a heavy sleeper or her fear of snakes. Yes, she is extremely terrified of snakes that she can't even stand them in pictures and videos. I bet she would not want me to be her roommate. I could give her a heart attack as I am impervious to holding snakes!



By Pihu Pandey

SUBJECT FEATURE

ICT.

Our tech savvy generation engages regularly on their online games and personal pages on their smartphones and iPads. Today's new technology creates a new ICT that is fun with integrated learning and discovery. Thus, as 21st educators, we need to engage further in more ICT junctures.

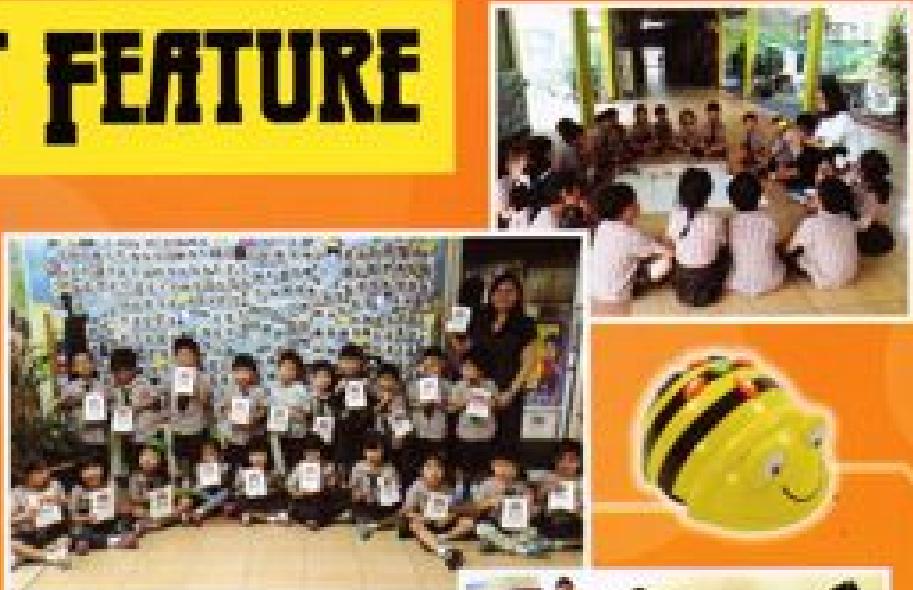
Last September, we the ICT teachers had a 5-Day ICT training. The training was one way to develop our skills and build mutual growth along with the pupils. It also brought fun and excitement to learning while enhancing critical thinking skills.



One of the emphases of the training was to teach children how to think algorithmically, that's to give a specific, step by step instructions so computers perform what's asked of them.

Mr. Philipp Man, the TSIS consultant, introduced the Bee-Bot, Blue-Bot, and Ino-Bot to the ICT teachers. Bee-Bot, a bee robot designed for very young students, trains the pupils to be familiar with simple robot programming like moving the

Bee-Bot forwards or backwards, as well as making series of challenging games. Book Creator was introduced to the pupils for their writing, designs, and then, publish it on the web. We also learned about block programming using Scratch program.



As of Term 1, we already started to teach the children how to use and learn programming in a very fun way using the Bee-Bot and will continue to teach them advanced programming techniques as they move on to the next level.

These innovative learning methods help transform the pupil and the school. Surely, with this will pave the way off traditional teaching practices in ICT.

During the seminar week, the Kindergarten Students and teachers made desktop computers from recycled materials like boxes, strings, and cardboards. Teachers and students displayed their projects for everyone to cast their votes for the best project.

By Rosedel Rosas,
Jennelyn May Buscas, &
Rha Ann Hamja

"Alohomora!"

The Houses have opened.

"Alohomora!" A Harry Potter spell that opens doors. Houses have opened! The Secondary Division has a new grouping system called... houses! If you've ever heard of Harry Potter, like Gryffindor, Slytherin and those kinds of houses, you'll know instantly what I'm talking about. If not, the housing system is when the school is divided into subunits called "houses" and each student is allocated to one house at the moment of enrolment. Houses may compete with one another at sports and maybe in other ways, thus providing a focus for group loyalty. We can earn more points for each good deed we complete and by the end of the Term, we will see which house wins an award.

Each house is named after the words: Care, Harmony, Respect and Integrity. We chose to name these words in Latin to represent our houses.

- House Care: House Curae
- House Harmony: House Concordia
- House Respect: House Quantum
- House Integrity: House Integritas

The current house that is leading right now is House Concordia. Every time someone earns a point, it benefits their team, however, people who are naughty and disrespectful will indeed get a minus point. We call these points Merits and Demerits. Merits are plus, and Demerits are minus. Whenever we conduct activities, houses will be competing against each other. These activities with our house allow us to show coordination and at the same time, interact with the higher levels of Secondary.



Similarly, the Primary have their own houses named after the planets. Namely, Venus, Jupiter, Mercury, Neptune, Saturn, and Mars. They're out of this world!



Every house has two leaders of their own, each elected by the teachers. They are students from Secondary 3. Currently our house leaders from each team are:

- Concordia: Lele & Bainne
- Integritas: Ngi & Nap
- Quantum: Honey & Bird
- Curae: Amiel & Minnie



In the opening of the houses, teachers, as house masters, were sorted similarly to Godric Gryffindor's Sorting Hat but only with a silly, non-talking, but creatively-redesigned motorcycle helmet.



Unfortunately, the "sorting" was nothing magical like Harry Potter as every one was already pre-sorted, students and teachers alike. Nonetheless, the show was fun!

Their houses get point accumulation too from students who get card points for doing desirable deeds. Hmm, I wonder how they get demerits though. Red cards?



I am really looking forward to doing more activities under the House System. Pretty sure the Sports Day, which will be against houses, will be competitively exhilarating, ho ho ho!

Nonetheless, whether it's competition or not, we always end up working together and solving the problem. We always seem to have fun at the end and everything turns out fine.

• By Tynham, Sec 1 Fath



我爱中秋节活动

HAPPY MID-AUTUMN
FESTIVAL



一年一度的中秋佳节又到了，学校为了让同学们更加了解中国传统节日的相关文化，特地开展了一系列的中秋庆祝活动。

一大早，同学们在礼堂观看了一个关于“嫦娥奔月”的视频，了解了中秋节的由来后，老师就向同学们提出了一些关于中秋节的问题，在同学们的踊跃发言中我们的中秋活动正式开始了。

活动分室内和室外两部分。室内是在礼堂里进行的，其中有三个活动是我最喜欢的，它们分别是贴鼻子、写书法和夹红豆。“贴鼻子”就是把你的眼睛蒙住，在无法视物的情况下将手上的五官贴纸贴到脸上，有时候一些同学们自信满满地贴完之后却发现眼睛贴到了嘴上，或是嘴巴贴到了头项上，常常被自己的“作品”逗得哈哈大笑。“写书法”呢，就是同学们用沾了墨的毛笔在纸上写中文字，这时候同学才发现，原来用毛笔写字和用钢笔铅笔写字有很大的不同，毛笔难多了。“夹红豆”则需要同学们用筷子把盘子里的红豆夹到另一个盘子里，看谁夹得最快最多，但是如果在夹的过程中掉了的话就算出局，这个游戏对那些不太擅长使用筷子的同学来说有很大的难度。

室外活动是在篮球场进行的，有跳长绳、踢毽子、拔河、两人三足、踩高跷等等，户外游戏更多的是需要同学们之间的配合，并且每个游戏也都有自己的技巧。“跳长绳”首先：最重要的就是两个摇绳的人，如果两个人摇的速度不一样的话，跳绳的人就不好跳了，其次：便是跳绳的人，只要中间有一个人起跳点在中间偏后，后面的人的起跳位置就会顺延往后，这样就会造成恶性循环，同学们来不及过去时绳就断了。在掌握了此项游戏的技巧后，我和同学在跳长绳活动中得到了较好的成绩，并且还得到了老师和同学们的称赞。为此我们都非常的高兴。

我们中学生中秋节活动中还有个福利就是自制冰皮月饼，并且做完还可以吃，这真是太好了！老师事先就把月饼皮做好了，所以我们做起来就容易多了。首先我们把饼皮揉均匀，接着裹上一点粉，为的是让月饼皮保持干燥，然后把馅料放进去，揉成圆球，再把圆球放进月饼模具里面稍微一压、一扣……哇！一个晶莹透亮、软软糯糯的冰皮月饼就大功告成了。YUMMY！自己做的月饼就是比外面买的好吃多了！

这次的中秋节活动十分有趣，大家都玩得很开心，并且从中学习了许多中国传统文化，让我们受益匪浅，同学们都希望明年能有更多这样的活动，既有趣又能增长知识。（S2 Faith Celine 许茹晴）



We Came to Life!



HOOPS FOR FRIENDSHIP

Game 1

U15 Girls

TSIS - 8

RAIS - 28

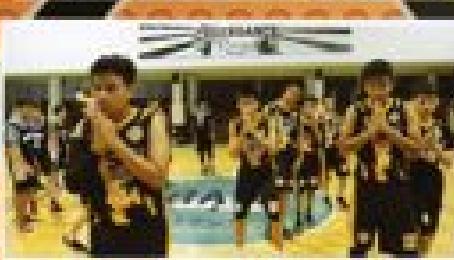


Game 2

U13 Girls

TSIS - 22

RAIS - 3



Game 1

U15 Boys

TSIS 57

RAIS 40



Game 2

U13 Boys

TSIS 15

RAIS 18



GREAT
PLAY!

AMAZING! SKILL!



Sirikorn "Namo" Vanlopsirinun, P3 Love

He said he learned this intricate folding called origami on YouTube and books.

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