

THE RAFFLES WAVE



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GIRLS' SCHOOL**

*Nurturing Daughters
of a Better Age*



A Distinguished Legacy: 135 Years of Nurturing Daughters of a Better Age.

RGS 135 LOGO



Early this year, an invitation was sent to all RGS students to present a logo design to commemorate RGS' 135th Anniversary. More than a dozen RGS students responded to the invitation and we are happy to present the selected logo design (above).

"The RGS 135 logo gracefully and artfully positions 'RGS 135' as the key element. 'RGS' is in the three colours of the school - green, black and white. The trailing line represents the long way that RGS has come and how she is continuously trailblazing. '135' is emblazoned in gold, showing how strong RGS stands in its heritage and foundation. The tree is in the same colour scheme as 'RGS', symbolising the school. The birds in the background fly in different directions and heights, showing the various batches of RGS girls who have been nurtured by the school and have subsequently flown to greater heights. The years 1879 - 2014 show the long history of the school and the three dots following 2014 depicts the school growing strong and embracing greater frontiers." - Logo designers Emily Yu and Marilyn Kang (RGS Year 3 students)

UPCOMING EVENTS

RGS Open House 2014

(Saturday, 24 May, 8am - 3pm)

Open House promises to be both an informative and introspective day for students who are considering joining the RGS family and for parents who are interested in the curriculum and programmes that the school has to offer. More information can be found on our school website.

Application for Direct School Admission is currently open till 1 July 2014 (12 noon). Please click [here](#) for more information.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) World Finals 2014

(28 - 31 May 2014)

A competition emphasising creativity and teamwork, OM has grown into one of the largest international creative problem-solving competitions worldwide. This year, held at the Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA, the world finals will see over 800 teams from around the world compete in the 35th instalment of the competition. RGS will be represented by seven teams this year for the world finals. We wish them all the very best!

Other events:

ORA Family Fest (10 May 2014)

Choir Concert (29 May 2014)

Sports Festival (30 May 2014)

Future Problem Solving Program (FPSP)

International Conference

(12 to 15 June 2014)

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note that the school will be closed from 30 May - 1 June 2014 due to the 2014 International Institute of Strategic Studies Asia Security Conference held annually at the Shangri-La Hotel.

HIGHLIGHTS**A LEAP INTO HISTORY BOOKS**

Overcoming a hamstring pull, ankle sprain and fractured finger, Year 4 student and National gymnast Ashly Lau Wei-Ning scored 12.825 points in the finals of the balance beam event at the Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup in Doha, Qatar. Held on 29 March 2014, that score catapulted her to a credible seventh place finish in her first high-level tournament.

Despite having only made the leap from junior to senior level at the beginning of the year, she had made history for Singapore when she posted 14.150 points in the qualification round, the highest score ever by a Singaporean gymnast in an international competition.

Her performance in Doha will go a long way in helping Ashly meet the Singapore National Olympic Council's criteria for selection to this year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



Ashly's world-class score in the qualification round would have placed her sixth - and the top Asian - at last year's world championships. Photo courtesy of Singapore Gymnastics.

REGIONAL IMMERSION & COMMUNITY EXPLORATION (RICE) PROGRAMME

Introduced this year, the RICE programme is an overseas immersion programme for all Year 2 students in RGS. It seeks to develop and enrich students' learning experience so as to enable them to better understand themselves and our neighbouring countries.

Through a ballot, classes selected a South-East Asian destination for the 4-day 3-night RICE journey in March to one of four destinations: Malacca-Seremban, Penang, Sarawak and Pahang.

Pre and post-trip activities such as travel journals, class reflections and a RICE StarterKit containing questions pertaining to a particular area of visit were specially designed to facilitate students' learning and understanding.



As part of their itinerary in Penang, students visited the Pinang Peranakan Mansion, a recreation of a typical home of wealthy Peranakans, and got a glimpse into their lifestyle, customs and traditions.



An RGS and RI family event, the ORA Family Fest on 10 May 2014 will raise funds for the RGS New Campus Development Fund and Filiae Fund (RGS' beneficiaries) and the Community Fund by National Cancer Centre, Singapore (RI's beneficiary). As the hosting school this year, the grounds of RGS will be transformed into a carnival of more than 50 food and games stalls, performances, and sports and matches such as street netball, basketball and soccer. Come join past and present Rafflesians in a day of good fun, bonding and all for a good cause!

A NEW WAVE OF LEADERS

Two Year 3 students Neha Shankar and Yeo Hsin Yee Clarice, have been appointed to the recently formed Singapore Chess Federation (SCF) Junior Council for 2014.

Nominated by the school and the SCF Executive Council, they have exhibited exemplary leadership qualities that the SCF would like to nurture further so that they might take over senior leadership positions in the SCF in future as adults.

The Junior Council, also made up of seven other students from various secondary schools, will allow for greater involvement in the local chess scene while developing future leaders in the chess community.

For more on Raffles Mind Sports' recent achievements, please click [here](#).



Both appointed to the recently formed Singapore Chess Federation Junior Council, Year 3 students Neha (left) and Clarice will serve as Chairman and Member respectively.



(Left) As part of their Learning Journey experience to Iskandar Malaysia, one of the activities students engaged in was batik painting, where they learnt the application of paint on batik templates. (Right) A photo-taking session rounded up the trip to capture their visit to the Bangunan Sultan Ismail.



LEARNING JOURNEY WEEK 2014

Held from 10 to 13 March, Learning Journey Week this year saw students from across all levels visiting places both local and overseas to enhance their out-of-classroom learning experiences.

One of the places visited by Year 4 students was Iskandar Malaysia, where they learnt about the impact of globalisation on the locals and their businesses and how regional developments impact Singapore. Activities the students engaged in included a Heritage Trail, ethnic food-tasting and a visit to Kota Iskandar, which houses the various state ministries and government institutions.

FRIENDS FROM AFAR

As part of a cultural exchange and training programme, the Singapore Sailing Federation arranged for local national sailors to host sailors from Italy's national squad. Two of our very own Year 1 sailors, Jodie Lai and Marsha Sharin, were selected to host the sailors and provide them with an opportunity to experience life in a local school.

"The first thing I noticed about school students in Singapore is that most people here do sports. I was privileged to be able to attend school with my host in Singapore and realise that there are many different types of sports offered to the students in school, such as tennis, swimming, squash, and many more. It is something that we do not get back in Italy, and I think the students are extremely fortunate to be able to get such exposure," shared 15-year-old Italian sailor Elisabetta Fedele.



Year 1 students and hosts for the visit Jodie (left) and Marsha together with Italian sailors Arianna Passamonti (extreme left) and Elisabetta.