

# The Raffles Wave

RGS Parent Newsletter

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RAFFLES GIRLS' SCHOOL

*Nurturing  
Daughters of a Better Age*



## RGS PREFECTORIAL BOARD ELECTION

The Prefectorial Board is regarded as the pinnacle of leadership within the school, acting as a bridge between the students and the school administration. More importantly, the Prefects serve as custodians of the fine RGS tradition and the school spirit that resides in every RGS girl.

The following girls have been elected as Head Prefect and Vice-Head Prefects for 2012:

Head Prefect - **Genevieve Kong Qian Yu**, Class 305

Vice-Head 1 - **Sabrina Chan Ejia**, Class 310

Vice-Head 2 - **Joanna Chue Su Xin**, Class 305

Vice-Head 3 - **Aye Aye Mon**, Class 313

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### RGS Career Fair 2011

A total of 20 organisations and 12 speakers participated in the RGS Career Fair on 29 June 2011. Organisations ranged from local Polytechnics to institutions that specialise in the arts as well as those representing overseas universities in Australia and the United States. For the first time, the Singapore University of Technology and Design as well as the Yale-NUS college (a new model of residential liberal arts education contextualised to Asia) participated in the Fair to the benefit of our upper secondary students, providing them with an excellent opportunity to find out more about their choices for further education and future pursuits.

### Home-Based Learning (HBL)

In preparation for an emergency school closure (due to a crisis e.g. bird flu, SARs etc), the school was closed for a day on Friday, 15th July 2011.

The purpose of the HBL exercise was to prepare teachers and students for an emergency by equipping them with the procedures to ensure that there is as little disruption to learning as possible in the event of an emergency. As part of the exercise, all students stayed home to complete their HBL.

### Mother Tongue Week, 19 to 22 July 2011

The objective of Mother-Tongue Week was to promote our students' level of understanding and appreciation of their culture. Activities organised for Mother Tongue Week provided a platform for the students to showcase their talents in their Mother Tongues. Some of the activities organised included: Appreciating Literature through Drama, Tamil Traditional Games, Classical Malay Film Show "Laskar Pelangi", Script writing workshop etc.



## RGS ARTS TAPESTRY

On 1 July 2011, staff and students of RGS spent the day celebrating various forms of art at our annual arts festival - Arts Tapestry 2011. Guest-of-Honour, RGS alumnus Ms Beatrice Chia-Richmond (who is also the first female creative director for the National Day Parade), graced the occasion and shared her story with the RGS students about her time at RGS. Throughout the day, staff and students were treated to a wide array of activities like henna-tattoo drawing, flower arrangement workshops and culinary workshops. In the evening, our SYF award-winning performing arts groups wowed the audience with their performances at the Arts Tapestry Night Extravaganza. Even RGS teachers got into the act with a certain teacher presenting an entertaining rendition of Lady Gaga's Poker Face, much to the delight and amusement of the students and guests alike.

Pictures:

Top left - 'The Trash Band', percussion performance by RGS Yr-2 MEP girls.

Bottom left - 'Her mind's eye', drama performance by RGS English Drama girls on the effects of dementia and how it affects the person and the family.



## RACIAL HARMONY WEEK

Racial Harmony Week, 18 to 22 July 2011, serves as a platform for RGS students to understand, experience and reflect on Singapore's multicultural heritage, the different ethnic practices within our society, the multiracial society we live in, as well as celebrate our success as a harmonious nation and society built on this rich diversity that is our cultural heritage. A series of activities were organised for the entire week and these included: Cultural performances by the Performing Arts Group and Fashion Cluster, Daily food tasting held during recess, Best dressed (Ethnic Costume) competition (Class and Staff). On Wed 20 July, a buffet of 12 different ethnic food items were prepared by PRGS (Parents for RGS Association) from 12 noon to 2pm to tease the palette and whet the appetite.

Pictures: RGS girls in ethnic attire.

## STUDY-CUM-IMMERSION PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS FROM BORDEAUX, FRANCE AND GIESSEN, GERMANY

RGS hosted 7 French students from Bordeaux, France on 6, 14, 21 and 22 July 2011 and 2 German students on 28 July and 4 August 2011 under the Study-cum-Immersion Programme which aims to provide foreign students the opportunity to experience life in a Singapore school so that they can have better knowledge and understanding of our local education system. The students attended lessons which included Chinese lessons, co-curricular activities and school events with RGS students, providing an inter-cultural experience for both the foreign students and RGS students.

### 3rd ASEAN SCHOOL GAMES 2011

Singapore hosted the 3rd ASEAN School Games (ASG) from 1 to 7 July 2011. The ASG aims to promote ASEAN solidarity through school sports while providing opportunities for school athletes to benchmark their sporting talents in the ASEAN region. More than 1,100 student athletes from seven ASEAN nations competed in a total of 12 sports. RGS student-athletes were well-represented and did the school and nation proud.

RGS student	Class	Sport	Results
Jennifer Yan	206	Golf	Individual: 1st Team: 3rd
Goh Jen	409	Golf	Team: 3rd
Michelle Yeo Yin Zhi	103	Gymnastic - Artistic	Team: 2nd
Charmaine Yeo Yan	204	Gymnastic - Artistic	Team: 2nd
Chia Daphne Theresa Yun Shan	304	Gymnastic - Rhythmic	Team: 2nd
Chong Mei Gan Megan	306	Gymnastic - Rhythmic	Team: 2nd
Phaan Yi Lin	409	Gymnastic - Rhythmic	Individual (Ball): 3rd Team: 2nd
Chan Fang Yi	105	Swimming	100 m Backstroke: 6th
Samantha Louisa Yeo Ginn	205	Swimming	50 m Freestyle: 3rd 100 m Freestyle: 5th 100 m Breaststroke: 1st 4x100 m Medley Relay: 1st 4x100 m Freestyle Relay: 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chelsea Lin Fuchs	306	Swimming	400 m Freestyle: 7th 800 m Freestyle: 4th
Tan Wei Lin Jolene	315	Swimming	
Yeo Xiu Wen	309	Swimming	4x100 m Freestyle Relay: 2nd
Koh Hui Yu	414	Swimming	100 m Freestyle: 1st 200 m Individual Medley: 4th 200 m Freestyle: 2nd 4x100 m Medley Relay: 1st 4x100 m Freestyle Relay: 2nd
Teo Jing-Wen	415	Swimming	200 m Backstroke: 4th 200 m Freestyle: 5th
Li Jia Xin	106	Table Tennis	Team: 1st
Lam Teng Si	310	Table Tennis	Team: 1st
Lim Yi Xuan	311	Table Tennis	Mixed Doubles: 2nd Team: 1st
Tan Claris	202	Tennis	Team: 3rd