

The Raffles Wave

RGS Parents and Alumni Newsletter

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RGS Girls' at the School Field



**RAFFLES
GIRLS' SCHOOL**

*Nurturing
Daughters of a Better Age*

School closure

The School will be closed from 31 May - 2 June due to the IISS Asia Security Summit held annually at the Shangri-La Hotel

Dear RGS Parents and Alumni

Make a Gift

RGS was founded on the vision of Nurturing Daughters of a Better Age. In keeping with this tradition, we give each and every girl who comes through our gates an equal footing towards fulfilling her dreams and aspirations.

Your generous contribution to the **RGS Filiae Fund** and the **RGS New Campus Development Fund** will help the school to continue providing the best resources and opportunities for our girls.

Your support will not only contribute to the direct assistance of today's RGS girls but also inspire student beneficiaries to cultivate a spirit of philanthropic giving and contribution to society.

We hope we can count on your generous support. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Raffles Girls' School

UPCOMING EVENTS

RGS Open House

The RGS Open House will be on 25 May, 8am to 3pm. As with past years, the 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 their daughters will be enrolling in. More information can be found on our school website and also via Facebook at RGS Open House 2013.

Direct School Admissions Exercise is now open till 2 July (12 noon).

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) World Finals Future Problem Solving International Conference

8 RGS teams will be leaving for the OM World Finals on 20 May. A total of 55 students and 10 teachers will be travelling in the contingent. The World Finals will be held in Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, 22 - 25 May.

At the Future Problem Solving International Conference held at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, from 6 - 9 June this year, RGS will be represented by one Global Issues Problem Solving team, and 4 Community Problem Solving Teams. A total of 31 students and 4 teachers will be travelling in the contingent.

We wish all the students and teachers well for the various challenges they will be faced with at the competitions.

New RGS Corporate website

A New RGS Corporate website was introduced on 6 May. In addition to a totally refreshed look, the new and improved website serves to better meet the needs of our stakeholders and public. Do check it out at www.rgs.edu.sg

HIGHLIGHTS

Total Defence Day

In conjunction with the Total Defence Day, RGS' six Uniformed Groups (UGs) collaborated with the five Houses in organising a carnival in school for the Year 1 students on 13 February. Each UG planned an activity that showcased the group and also highlighted the Total Defence and National Education messages.

The Year 1 students immersed themselves in the activities and benefitted from the experience as they became more aware of the UGs and Total Defence. The event ended with students learning and singing a Total Defence Song, which helped to remind all that we should be ready to defend and protect our country.

Make a Difference with Climate Change



RGS girls Liu Hongzhan (401), Katie Chan Kar Yan (405), Lee Wan Xin Ailica (401) and Thet Thiri Ko (401) [left to right in the above pix with Guest-of-Honour Mr Niam Chiang Meng, Permanent Secretary, National Climate Change] were placed 4th at the **National Climate Change Competition 2012 Technology Project Challenge**. Despite being the youngest group competing in the Upper Secondary / Junior College / ITE category, they took home the Merit Prize with their project titled 'Powerplant'. As part of the judging requirement, the girls produced a prototype solar-powered, portable smartphone charger, thereby reducing CO₂ emission in tackling climate change. The prize presentation took place on 19 February 2013 at the MND Auditorium.

The National Climate Change Competition 2012 is organised by the National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS) and supported by the Ministry of Education (MOE), the National Youth Achievement Award Council (NYAAC) and Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP). The competition aims to inspire Singaporeans to take action for climate change. Through the competition, students gain deeper understanding of climate change, its impact and the importance of individual actions to address the issue.

It's all about Geography

In the annual **NUS Geography Challenge 2013**, RGS students Sarah Lim (401), Thet Thiri Ko (401), Vanessa Chen Hui En (401) and Pan Yu Yu (409) came in 2nd in the Preliminary round - South zone. The girls had to complete MCQs and a creative component question in the qualifying round. One of the students, Thet Thiri Ko, was ranked 5th in the 'Individual Best' category. The girls were one of the top 40 schools to proceed to the finals. They emerged as 1st Runner Up Overall for the Competition, and won 2nd prize in the Geo Trail component, an Amazing Race-like competition around Singapore.

RGS students Yang Yuxiu (313), Shang Mengge (312), Leong Yih Shan (312) and Grace Fu (313) recently took part in the **3rd Eco-Design Challenge 2013**. This competition is organised by the NUS Architecture Department, ACJC, and HDB and the theme for the competition is "Ageing in Place, the Eco way". The girls had to create a model, and a poster accompanied by a write-up. On the day of the finals, the girls gave an oral presentation of their idea to the judges. In the end, the team won Silver in the upper secondary division and 1st Runner Up for the Upper Secondary division (School Award).

ACHIEVEMENTS

Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation 2013	Results
Angklung Ensemble	Certificate of Distinction
Band Symphonic	Certificate of Distinction
Chinese Drama	Certificate of Distinction
Chinese Orchestra	Certificate of Distinction
Choir	Certificate of Distinction
Dance - International	Certificate of Accomplishment
English Drama	Certificate of Distinction
Guitar Ensemble	Certificate of Accomplishment
Handbell Ensemble	Certificate of Distinction
Indian Dance	Certificate of Distinction
Indian Orchestra	Certificate of Distinction
Malay Dance	Certificate of Distinction
Strings Ensemble	Certificate of Distinction

National Inter-school Sports Championships 2013	Division	Results
Badminton	B	Second
Cross-country	B	Third
	C	Third
Fencing	B	Fourth
	C	Second
Golf	B	First
	C	Third
Gymnastics – Artistic	B	First
Gymnastics – Rhythmic	B	First
	C	First
Gymnastics – Trampoline	B	Third
	C	Third
Judo	B	First
	C	First
Netball	C	Second
Sailing	B	First
	C	First
Shooting – Air Rifle	B	First
	C	Second
Shooting – Air Pistol	B	Third
	C	Second
Softball	B	Third
Squash	B	First
	C	Second
Swimming	B	First
	C	First
Table Tennis	B	Second
	C	First
Tennis	B	Third
	C	Third
Tenpin Bowling	B	Third

2013 Promotion Ceremony

The RGS 2013 Promotion Ceremony was held at the KS Chee Theatre on 10 May. A total of 18 RGS staff were promoted. The Outstanding Contribution Award, an award given to recognise Individuals and/or Teams who have made a substantive impact to the school/students through their innovation, was given to the team from the Science Department for the Design, Development and Implementation of the Experiential Learning Journey to the Wallace Environmental Learning Laboratory (WELL) at the Dairy Farm Nature Park (2012).