

The Raffles Wave

RGS Parents and Alumni Newsletter

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Our very own RGS Choir entertains guests at the RGS New Campus Fund Raising Banquet, held on 26 September 2013 at the Orchard Hotel Grand Ballroom.



**RAFFLES
GIRLS' SCHOOL**

*Nurturing Daughters
of a Better Age*

National Science Challenge 2013

After an intense showdown in the finals against some of the brightest young minds from Raffles Institution and NUS High School of Math & Science, RGS team emerged as Grand Champion in this year's National Science Challenge. Members of the RGS team are:

Amanda Yung (306)
Doreen Goh (306)
Helen Lin (307)
Laura Phua (310)
Li Jia Qi (306)
Xiao Shiwei (301)

The National Science Challenge is a nationwide inter-school science competition where Secondary Three students from schools across Singapore compete in a range of science activities consisting of both indoor and outdoor challenges.

For those who may have missed televised episodes from the National Science Challenge 2013 or wish to relive the exciting moments of our RGS team in action, you may do so on *xinmsn Catch-Up TV*.

RGS New Campus Fund Raising Banquet

Since our announcement in 2012 of the plan for RGS to move to a new campus in 2018, we have embarked on a New Campus fundraising effort to achieve our vision of a campus that will not only nurture future generations of RGS girls, but will serve the nation as well. Many RGS alumni and supporters from the business community have contributed to our fundraising efforts.

To thank our supporters and to mark the first year of our fundraising efforts, the RGS New Campus Fund Raising Banquet was held on 26 September 2013 at the Orchard Hotel Grand Ballroom. The evening featured performances by our very own performing arts CCA groups String Ensemble and Choir, as well as well-known RGS alumni such as Ms Beatrice Chia-Richmond, Ms Joanna Dong, Ms Ruth Ling, Ms Rani Singam and Ms Stefanie Sun. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, graced the event as Guest-of-Honour.

SSSC Best Girl Awards 2013

4 RGS students have been awarded one of the highest accolades for their sporting achievements at this year's Singapore Schools Sports Council Colours Award ceremony, held at Nanyang Polytechnic. The students are:

Bertha Han (308) - Best Girl for Sailing
Tan Sze En (105) - Best Girl for Gymnastics
Joey Yeo (406) - Best Girl for Tenpin Bowling
Samantha Yeo (414) - Best Girl for Swimming

Bertha also received the Overall Best Girl Award for her achievement as the World Female Optimist Champion 2013. In addition, she was also part of the champion sailing team at the Optimist World Team Racing at Fraglia Vela Riva in Lake Garda, Italy, which was awarded the SSSC Best Team Award.

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RGS Leadership Boards 2013 - 2014

Prefectorial Board

Head Prefect

Phuah Hui En Shannon (304)

Vice-Head Prefects

Agatha Sacha Lim Lee (301)

Freda Mah Cheng Yee (304)

Tao Ming Hui (308)

Peer Support Board

Chairperson

Celestine Teo Yu Qing (306)

Vice-Chairpersons

Tricia Tan Yixuan (303)

Julia Goh Yen Ling (309)

Student Congress

Speaker

Helen Lin Jia Qi (307)

Deputy Speakers

Goh Qi Shuen (304)

Celine Phua Li Ting (314)

Houses

Tarbet

Captain

Chow Yan Tong Rachel (315)

Vice-Captain

Alysee Goh Shin Ying (311)

Buckle

Captain

Natalie Lim Li Xuan (313)

Vice-Captain

Maria Sara Tan Yu Wen (304)

Richardson

Captain

Beatrice Low Yi Hui (311)

Vice-Captain

Goh Jia Ling (307)

Hadley

Captain

Loo Yun Yi Phyllis (308)

Vice-Captain

Yap Wei Ting (312)

Waddle

Captain

Ooi Pei Ying Karyn (304)

Vice-Captain

Lin Jiaying (315)

HIGHLIGHTS

Superheros Take a Break

We all know the powers teachers possess in influencing students. How apt then, is the theme *Superheroes on Holiday* for this year's Teachers' Day Celebrations chosen by the organising team of students.

As our superheroes (teachers) got a well-deserved break from their classroom duties, students sang, danced and flipped their way into the hearts of their teachers, all in a bid to present their heartfelt gratitude to their superheroes.

The highlight of the celebration was a special awards segment, where Mr Mohammad Faizal, Mr Christopher Foo and Mrs Marie Huang were voted Most Humorous Teacher, Most Dedicated Teacher and Sweetest Teacher respectively.



(1) Students bare their 'heart' to their teachers. (2) RGS Gymnastics team's 'flippin' good performance had teachers leaping for joy! (3) A heartfelt message rounds off the celebrations.

Smells like Team Spirit!

Inter-House Games (IHGs) are organised with the objective of promoting House spirit and bonding. This year, a total of 38 IHGs were organised, which included a good mix of activities such as the Amazing Race, Fun with Bread and Kpop. Based on the participation and support of members from the various Houses, the following awards were given out during the closing ceremony:

Champion House 2013
Joint 1st - Buckle and Richardson
(227 points)
Joint 3rd - Tarbet and Waddle
(222 points)
5th - Hadley (202 points)

Best Organised House 2013
1st - Richardson (672 points)
2nd - Buckle (665 points)
3rd - Tarbet (626 points)

Most Participative House 2013
1st - Waddle (359 points)
2nd - Buckle (333 points)
3rd - Hadley (288 points)



(4) From left: Buckle Captain Tan Hui Ying (414) and Richardson Captain Cai Minglu (407) share the honour of leading their Houses to the top this year.

Celebration of Excellence

The 4th CCA Awards Day was held on 29 October at the Evelyn Norris Hall, where a total of 357 awards were given out to honour students for their passion, dedication and talent in their CCAs. Students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the school and community were also recognised. National and RGS sailor, Elisa Yukie Yokoyama (407), awardee of the RGS Outstanding Achievement Award (Sports) 2013 and the Singapore Sports Council, Sportsgirl of the Year 2013, gave an inspiring speech on behalf of the student body, displaying a maturity of character cultivated throughout her four years in RGS.

(5) “In the end, who are you, really? You are not a name, or a height, or a weight, or a gender. You are not your PSLE score, your GPA... You are your favourite books... your thoughts, all your experiences, the pain you have endured and the happiness you have felt... You are not only where you are from but also where you are going,” said Yukie in her address.

(6) Izzah Haziqah Binte Harisfadillah (408) from National Police Cadet Corps Sea is one of the awardees recognised for her leadership and outstanding performance.

(7) From left: Leong Yuan Man Estee Faith (404), Gong Min Yie (401), Lee Wan Xin Ailica (401), Chua Chui Wei Mae (412), Low Tian Ling (401) and Pan Wen (405) are recipients of the pinnacle President’s Guide Awards in recognition of excellent performance, dedication and service to the community.



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Singapore in the World



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(8) Year 3 students had the privilege of attending a dialogue session with Ambassador-at-Large Mr Bilahari Kausikan on 28 October. Mr Bilahari made his opening remarks on Singapore in the world, and also related his experience working in the civil service. (9) He also took questions from the floor, addressing students’ queries on issues from the recent US Government shutdown, to the education system in Singapore.

Fond Farewells



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(10) With ties in the air amidst jubilant cheers, the graduating classes mark their last official day in RGS at Farewell & Graduation Assembly. (11) Smiles all around from the class of 407. (12) & (13) The Year 4s show their gratitude to their Form Teachers, some with a heartwarming hug, others with a quirky twist. (14), (15) & (16) The school also bids farewell to Deputy Principal Mr Edward Ng, Ms Pang Teng Lin and Mr Loh Ser Gan who have served the school with much passion and dedication. We thank them for their service and wish them all the very best!