

The Fun Learning Times

Writers at Work

In this issue, we are proud to showcase samples of our students' work done in class.

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My Holidays from A to Z



By Brendan Ang, P5

Arrived at Brisbane International Airport

Boasted about my cool new T-shirt
Carried a 7kg Koala
Dug sand while on the Gold Coast beach
Entered into Dreamworld theme park
Fought often with my little sister
Got a cool new boomerang from Australia
Hesitated going out to face the 7°C cold
Insisted on going fishing
Jumped on my cold soft bed
Kept a journal of each day in Australia
Laughed at my sister when she put on my Mom's large white hat
Made fruit smoothies at a fruit bar
Nagged that the ride to the hotel was taking too long
Opposed that we should have gone to Gold Coast first
Posed beside a wild dolphin
Questioned my Father why the steak in Australia is so nice
Recovered my lost book under the bed in the hotel
Sat comfortably on the big sofa
Trailed my Father's footsteps on the sand to find him
Understood why Australia's steak is so nice
Visited a small woodwork museum
Went to sleep immediately when I entered the room
"Xperienced" dropping at high speed while on a "roller coaster"
Yielded in to the price of the fishing rod
Zoomed in to buy cheap sweet strawberries in the market



My Holidays from A to Z



By Lim You Xuan, P5

Arriving at Kelong,
Built in the sea .

Climbing up the wooden ladder to the house,
Definitely not wanting to fall into the sea.
Everyone is to sleep in a room together.
Finding things to do in the afternoon.
Gathering at a table to play mahjong,
Happy about winning the game.
In the late afternoon we went fishing,
Joined the happiness of people who caught fishes.
Kelong we leave for awhile to Sibul Island's beach,
Located near it.
Minutes later, we reached it
Not waiting any longer to change into swimming suits,
Or play in the sand.
Panting after playing catching with family and friends,
Quitting after falling and swallowing some sand.
Right after two hours,
Someone came to gather us back.
Ten minutes later
Using the wooden ladder, we climbed
Very soon the next day,
We went back home.
Exchange contacts with others,
Yelling hurray when we reached home.
Zooming to the sofa to watch TV shows.



What People Say about Us:

Dear Mr Chee,

Thanks for all the help you gave me. If it wasn't for you, my Maths would not have any improvement. I want to thank you for all your encouragement you gave and the educational games you played.

Dong Qin

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My Holidays from A to Z

Arrived at Shanghai
 Baffled my Grandma with my magic
 Cackled when my sister's hair went like a witch's
 Ducked a tomato thrown by a loony person
 Echoed my voice down a cave of Buddha monuments
 Found a twig shaped like a gun
 Going to Hangzhou
 Hailed the mighty guards at "Song Cheng"
 Idealized my sister's idea of sleeping late
 Jabbered about the Shanghai Expo when asked
 Kept a secret that my sister has a pimple on her nose
 Lagged on because of the long walk at Shanghai Expo
 Magnified a dead shrew using the camera
 Napped on the way to Hangzhou
 Observed a millipede curl into ball when touched
 Picked tea at "long jing" tea fields
 Quaffed the aromatic tea
 Rented a boat and drove it without a license
 Saw a huge bee
 Took a steaming leg bath after a long walk
 Unbend the rules at Grandma's house
 Visiting the Shanghai Expo
 Went to a park and got lost
 "Y" is it so difficult to find a word for Y?

Zzzzzzzzzz



Koh Yin Jie, P4

My Favourite Things

Playing chess and winning prizes from tournaments;
 Reading storybooks and receiving presents;
 Eating sausages on Sunday mornings;
 These are a few of my favourite things.
 Wearing green things from head to toe;
 Drinking hot drinks when the weather is cold;
 Eating honey roasted chicken wings;
 These are a few of my favourite things.
 Playing piano well to get distinctions;
 Getting good marks in my compositions;
 Playing scrabble with my sister Yin Teng;
 These are a few of my favourite things.
 When I am sick,
 When I am peeved,
 When I am feeling sad,
 I simply remember my favourite things,
 And then I don't feel so bad.

This is to be sung to the tune of "My Favourite Things" from "The Sound of music".

徐纬霖

最近坊间频频传来大家对上海世博新加坡馆的失望与抱怨。虽然自己并没有机会到上海去观看并且体验世博会，但读了网上的评语和听了朋友们的经历，我也大概对此事多多少少了解了不少。

所谓：无风不起浪，事出必有因。为何坊间会频频传来大家对上海世博新加坡馆的失望与抱怨呢？我认为原因有几。

首先，新加坡馆的外貌和它的内容建筑设计根本不搭，简直成了强烈的对比。再加上，一踏进馆，内容似乎没什么代表性，展品都没什么特征，似乎无法给人留下深刻的印象。根据林少芳的评语，他们在开会

时所讨论的各个项目并没成功落实。她认为可能是因为他们集中火力专注于外形的美观时，却忽略了两个建筑设计的考量，因此影响了馆里内容的呈现。

其次，二楼是整个展馆的核心重头戏，呈献的是由新加坡四大歌星携手演唱的MV。但令人失望的原因就是MV开场之前又是赞助商的广告，紧接着的就是我们国宝级歌手们徐徐抒发个人情怀，MV看起来似乎有些肤浅。更甚者，MV的内容和其他项目呈现的主题有些格格不入。这MV应该是“镇馆之宝”，但它早就已在世博开幕之前于中港各大媒体广而告之，强力放送了，而且参观者在等候排队好几个小时后才能看到的这个“镇馆之宝”居然是他们每天打开电视就能轻易看到的MV，因此心中难免失望。

离世博结束日期还有几个月，

亡羊补牢，为时不晚。我认为有关当局应立刻把那些赞助商的广告与招牌弄小、拿掉或放到不那么夺目的地方，至少不该喧宾夺主。

除此之外，把我们的“镇馆之宝”换成另一个更有代表性，更特别，更有意义并且能令人留下深刻印象的“镇馆之宝”。

最后，当局应把展品弄得更加吸引人，甚至可以加入一些能够代表新加坡的特点如：新生水，水上舞台，新加坡人怕输的可爱特征等等。

总而言之，我认为当局应当机立断，改善新加坡馆。我希望以后走出新加坡馆的参观者，不再以失望之情走出来，反而，是充满佩服与满意之情离开。我也希望别人看了新加坡馆后，会对新加坡留下深刻印象。最后，我也希望新加坡能通过新加坡馆传达一个讯

Managing Sibling Rivalry

As a parent, you're probably no stranger to sibling rivalry. What can you do to minimize such headaches and make life at home more harmonious?

1. Encourage kids to work out conflicts on their own.

When your children argue, the best approach is usually not to get involved. Instead, where possible, get them to work it out themselves.

Acknowledge their conflict ("You two sure are angry!"), then describe how you see it, listen to both sides, and tell your kids what you heard them say: "So Rachel wants to use the PC to do her project, but Andy wants to use the PC to type his composition."

Tell them that you understand their quarrel and that you're sure they can come up with a solution, then step aside. In the long run, resolving their own conflicts is an important skill for your children to learn,

with the added benefit of making your life easier.

2. Try not to foster competition. While it may be tempting to tell your less academically-inclined child to model herself on her A* sibling, don't do it. Comparisons send a competitive message and can really intensify a rivalry.

Your job is to help your child do her best, *on her terms*. If she brings home a B, an improvement over her regular Cs, congratulate and reward her. Remember: Treating each child as an individual means recognizing and setting individual goals.

3. Take steps to stop the putdowns.

"Mom likes me better." "You don't know anything." "Your spelling is horrible." A brother or sister's taunts can intensify a rivalry or reinforce a negative self-image. So unlike your hands-off approach to bickering, it's wise to step in and stop the putdowns.

When you hear your child insult her brother or sister, don't say anything in front of her. Instead, wait until the two of you are alone and tell her, "It's not okay to say hurtful things to your brother." If you correct your child in front of her sibling, she's likely to exact revenge for her humiliation.

If the problems persists, you might take away privileges (15 minutes of TV time, for example, or 25 cents deducted from her allowance) for every hurtful comment you hear. Pretty soon, your grade-schooler will find a way to curb her mouth.

Adapted from www.babycenter.com



Brain Teasers

1. In Common

What is the one thing shared by all three items in the same group?

eg. a river, a person, a cave. Ans: a mouth

a: a cow, a shoe, a baby

b: a doctor's office, a post office, music

c: a zipper, a shark, a comb

d: a potato, a hurricane, a target

2. A?

If you start with the number one and use only integers (whole numbers), how far do you have to count before you need to use the letter "a" in spelling a number? Answer this in the shortest possible time!

3. Three Moves

There are 10 letters in the triangle. Change the triangle so that it points down. Move one letter at a time. You have only three moves. (Hint: Lay 10 coins out so that they match the letters in the triangle. Then you can try out different moves.)

A
B C
D E F
G H I J

Source: <http://school.discoveryeducation.com>

Answers can be found on the back page.

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Our Teaching Philosophy

We strongly believe every student's potential can be maximised. At Fun Learners' School, our primary mission is to provide each and every student with the patience and attention they deserve. With holistic teaching methods and active spontaneity, we strive to breathe life into the textbooks by drawing relevance to the world we live in, thereby seeding and inspiring the love of learning in every young mind.



Meet Our Fun Learner, Damian



Damian, a P6 learner from Nan Hua Primary, tells us more about himself.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy playing basketball, and that's my CCA in school. I also like to play soccer with my friends during recess. Reading is also one of my pastimes.

What are your favourite books and where do they come from?

I like to read novels and one of my favourite books is "The da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown.

What motivates you to work hard?

Right now, I aim to go to a good school. Eventually, I hope to go to a good university and become someone who is recognized.

What do you do to relax when you take breaks from your studies?

I take naps or play soccer in the neighbourhood.

What do you like about Fun Learners' School?

Fun Learners' School provides a conducive environment for us to study in. The teachers are friendly and put us at ease. I like the fact that Ms Cha sometimes uses English to explain Chinese Vocabulary.

Join us for kite-flying during Family Day!

Venue: West Coast Park Area 3

Date: 21 Nov 10



Welcome to our Family!

Brandon Chua, Brian Lim, Clairedane Dael, Dylan Chua, Jolene Boey, Kirsten Ong, Ng Shi Ting and Nixon Chua



Answers to brain teasers (from previous page)

1. a. a tongue b. a scale c. teeth d. an eye
2. You have to count up to one thousand!
3. Move G so that it is next to B. Move J so that it is next to C. Switch A from the top to the bottom of the triangle to make the point.

What's On

Term 4:	7 Sep—14 Nov
Deepavali:	5 Nov
FLS break:	15 Nov—29 Nov
150* treat:	15 Nov
Hari Raya Haji:	17 Nov
Family Day:	21 Nov
Ace my PSLE Camp	29 Nov—1 Dec
Hol lessons:	3 Dec—23 Dec
Post PSLE treat:	3 Dec
FLS X'mas break:	24 Dec—4 Jan

We gladly welcome dialogue with our students and parents. Please direct your mails to contact@funlearning.com.sg. We look forward to hearing from you!