

The Fun Learning Times

Delightful Family Day at West Coast Park

By Tay Kai Jie, P6



With great anticipation, my family and I joined more than 50 Fun Learners' School teachers, Learners and their families for the annual Family Day at West Coast Park on 21 November.

Together with Mr Chee and the other two student organizers, Damian and Alan, I helped to organize the outing and plan the games. It was fun to be involved "behind the scenes"!

The gazebo was abuzz with excitement and incessant chatter punctuated the air when we reached West Coast Park. Thankfully, the skies were clear and we did not have to turn to wet-weather games! After settling down, the participants were split into groups for the games. We played Treasure Hunt whereby each group competed against the others to find things like "the smallest shoe", "the longest hair" etc. There was much excitement as each group worked together to find those "treasures".

After the first round, there was a tie between the two groups - "Tiger" and "Leopard". We decided to have a skipping rope contest to decide the winner. The two contestants were Hao Liang and Xavier. Amidst the cheers of their supporters, they were neck and neck but in the end, Xavier from "Leopard" emerged victorious.

Following that was our free-play. Some of us flew kites, others played Frisbee while others simply whiled away their time chatting with others. As for me, I was gasping for air as I ran to and fro, trying to get the kite to fly high. However, in no time, the kite went zooming down to the ground. It was not easy!

Mr Chee and his brother also brought along their stunt kites to fly. It was a beautiful sight, seeing their majestic kites forming elegant patterns in the azure sky.

Soon, it was turn to fill our growling stomachs. McDonald's breakfast! Tucking into the food with delight, we also had a good time chatting with one another. We rounded off the event with a group photo.

It was a memorable Family Day and I was glad to have made more friends and to be one of the organizers.



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What People Say about Us:

The Boey Family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Mr Chee and the Team for their care and devotion to our kids. We have seen our kids enjoying every lesson. They have never failed to go back and share with us enthusiastically what they have learnt. Once again, thanks a lot.

Mr and Mrs Boey,
parents of Jolene, Sec 3
and Joelle, P5.

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Action-Packed LaserQuest!

By Koh Yin Jie, P5



"Tick! Tick!" The last seconds of the day in school ticked by. My heart thumped with excitement. It was the day that Fun Learners' School would bring me, together with

sixteen other students who had accumulated 150*, for a LaserQuest treat!

The long-anticipated school bell finally rang. As I packed my bags, I had flashbacks of the wonderful time I had at the same place last year.

An hour later, I was already in the 'labyrinth', creeping around as quiet as a mouse and trying to shoot the opponent's team. The fifteen minutes of the game flew and soon, it was time to switch sides with the two teams waiting in the lounge. As I put down the 3.5kg vest, I wondered which

team had won. When my team, Team Alpha, learnt that we had won, we squealed with delight.

When the next two teams entered the maze, I kept my eyes glued to the scoreboard. I giggled when I saw the score of one of the teams dropping drastically while the other's ascended.

After the adrenaline rush "shooting" one another, the teachers brought us to a nearby McDonald's restaurant where we ate our dinner with relish. This trip was a fun and exciting one that I will not forget easily!



Ace My PSLE Camp Dec 2010

By Brendan Ang, P6



On 30 November 2010, I joined fifteen other Fun Learners for a three-day learning journey at Ace my PSLE Camp.

I enjoyed the useful and fun learning activities. We were taught specific skills to ace each of the four subjects: Mathematics, Science, English and Chinese. Apart from these academic subjects, we also learnt important learning skills such as TEFCAS, which is the formula

for success. We also learnt how to use the whole-brain, and the three habits of an effective learner. An important skill we learnt was how to manage our time and plan our own timetable.

Many of the activities required us to work in groups, and that made it more interesting! Often, we had to present our work to the class. The last day was the most nerve-racking as we had to present our work to our parents as well. However, I am proud to say that the intensive practice had helped me to overcome stage fright!

There was lots of chance to everyone to participate in the activities. From this camp, I know what I can do to excel in my PSLE. It was indeed a meaningful and wonderful way of spending the three days of my holidays!



Five Ways to Build Your Child's Self-esteem

In the quest to develop their child's academic performance in school, some parents may overlook the need to nurture their child's self-esteem. Yet self-esteem is an important life skill that helps your child to develop self-respect and faith in his ability to handle life's challenges (for a child, that may mean giving a one-minute speech in front of the class, or simply raising his hands to answer questions).

Here are five simple strategies to help boost your child's self-esteem:

1. Give unconditional love. A child's self-esteem flourishes with the kind of no-strings-attached devotion that says, "I love you, no matter who you are or what you do." Your child benefits the most when you accept him for who he is regardless of his strengths, difficulties, temperament, or abilities.

2. Resist comparisons. Comments such as "Why can't you read as well as your brother?" or "Why can't you be focused like Wendy?" will just foster shame and envy.

3. Pay attention. Carve out time to give your child your undivided atten-

tion. That does wonders for your child's feelings of self-worth because it sends the message that you think he's important and valuable. It doesn't have to take a lot of time; it just means taking a moment to stop flicking through the mail if he's trying to talk with you or turning off the TV long enough to answer a question. Make eye contact so it's clear that you're really listening to what he's saying.

4. Let mistakes happen. Sometimes your child makes mistakes. These are valuable lessons for your child's confidence. So if your child could not finish his homework because he was playing too much time on Facebook games, don't help him with his work but let him bear the consequences and get him to think about what he might do differently next time.

5. Provide encouragement. Every child needs the kind of support from loved ones that signals, "I believe in you. I see your effort. Keep going!" Encouragement means acknowledging progress — not just rewarding achievement. So if your child is struggling with a math problem, say: "You're trying very hard and you al-

most have it!" instead of "Not like that. Let me do it."

There's a difference between praise and encouragement. One rewards the task while the other rewards the person ("You did it!" rather than "You are good!"). Praise can make a child feel that he's only "good" if he does something perfectly. Encouragement, on the other hand, acknowledges the effort. "Too much praise can sap self-esteem because it can create pressure to perform and set up a continual need for approval from others. So avoid too much praise but offer encouragement liberally; it will help your child grow up to feel good about himself.

Adapted from www.babycenter.com



Brain Teasers

1. What am I?

What is so fragile that when you say its name you break it?

2. Spot the Errors.

They are three errors in this sentence—what are they?

3. Equation

What must you do to make the equation below true?

$$81 \times 9 = 801$$

4. Number

What number can you subtract half from to obtain a result that is zero?

5. Can you draw it?

Can you draw a square with two straight lines?

6. Pronunciation

Which word is pronounced incorrectly by most people the first time they say it?

Source: Quick to Solve Brainteasers

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, Aisha



Aisha Thauheed, P4, CHIJ - Our Lady Queen of Peace, tells us more about herself:

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are reading and playing netball. I am in the school netball team.

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

I love to read classics such as Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie. I also like books by Roald Dahl and Enid Blyton.

What motivates you to work hard?

I wish to go to a good secondary school, such as RGS and Cedar Girls' School. In fact, I want to continue into a good JC and university.

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

I usually read when I am free. I also like to listen to music, such

as rock, and instrumental music which is calming and relaxing.

What do you like about Fun Learners' School?

Ms Cha delights me with her interesting lessons. She shows a lot of patience in helping those who are in doubt. She is also creative in creating games for learning, such as Hans Twister. I like to borrow books from the library to read. Serving library duties teach me to be more responsible.




Welcome to our Family!

Alyssa Tan, Abigail Tan, Joel Pang,
Andrew Lee, Sherwlyn Koh, Pang
Jun Leng, Olive Goh, Renata,
Joelle Ng, Joqium, Brenda Lee,
Philip Wong, Tan Zhe Hui, Lee Jing
Le and Yeow Yu Hui.



Answers to brain teasers
(from previous page)

1. silence
2. There (not They) !! errors (not errors) !!! There are only 2 errors, not 3.
3. Turn the page upside down.
It will read 108 = 6 x 18
4. The number 8. It is made of 2 zeroes, one on top of the other.
5. 
6. The word "incorrectly"

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!

What's On

Lessons

Term 1: 4 Jan — 20 Mar
Term 2: 22 Mar—26 Jun

Centre Closure

31 Jan to 6 Feb: CNY Break
22 Apr: Good Friday
1 May: Labour Day
17 May: Vesak Day
30 May to 12 Jun: June holiday closure
13 Jun: 150 * treat

For the whole year calendar, refer to 2011 calendar found in www.funlearning.com.sg.