

The Fun Learning Times

Celebrating Success!

**FUN LEARNERS'
SCHOOL**

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In this issue, we celebrate our Learners' successes by sharing their achievements over the last three months. We hope that this will motivate and encourage our other learners to always give their best.

**The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight
But they, while their companions slept
Were toiling upward in the night.**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Chinese Proverbs Game

The game developed by Celine, William and their team from St Anthony's Primary had gone into the finals! Their team gave a presentation at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. 40 sets of their game have been manufactured and are now available for sale. While stocks last!

Top in Hanyu Pinyin

Valerie Chua, P2, emerged 1st in the Inter-school Hanyu Pinyin Competition.



Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE)

Our P6 students, Beverly Fisk and Tan Hui Yee (Ace my PSLE Camp) have been accepted under DAE and are going to Nanyang Girls' High and Dunman High respectively.



Gifted Education Programme

The following P3 students have been selected to go for the second round of GEP test: Koh Yin Teng, Lim You Xuan, Nadya Nadyra, Ng Yong Sheng and Wang Fan Ming.



Rubiks Cube

Yong Sheng can complete the Rubiks Cube in under one minute! His teacher from Lian Hua Primary had video-taped his feat and showed it to the class!



ICAS distinctions

Yong Sheng obtained distinctions for both his English and Maths ICAS.

What people say about us:

Dear Mr Chee and Ms Cha,

I have learnt a lot of things from you, and improved in my Science and Higher Chinese. Thanks for teaching me. Happy Teachers' Day!

From: Gladys

Dear Mrs Tan,

I enjoy coming to Fun Learners' School because I enjoy your lessons. Thank you and I wish you a Happy Teachers' Day!

From: Melanie

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My Appreciation...

Dear Mr Chee,

Thank you very much for your guidance to help Xin Lei excel in her PSLE. Xin Lei made tremendous progress under your guidance and achieved PSLE results beyond my expectation. To achieve her results, Xin Lei worked very hard and you guided her to work smart as well. We are very pleased not only with her performance in her PSLE, but also with her growing maturity and confidence. It was your principle of teaching independent thinking and proper understanding that brought out the best in Xin Lei.



We are very fortunate to discover this school 3 years ago and will not hesitate to recommend our friends to send their kids here.

-Dr Ye, parent of Xin Lei, Sec 1 and Ryan, P2. (Xin Lei scored 261 in PSLE '07)

Thank you...

Dear Mrs Tan,

Qi En has improved tremendously under your guidance. Previously, Qi En feared writing compositions. Now, he has gained a lot of confidence in putting his thoughts down in pen. Thank you!

- Mrs Zhu, mother of Qi En, P3

Excellent...

Dear Ms Cha,

Jia Wen obtained A1 for his Chinese in O Levels. You have played a big part. Under you, his Chinese had improved a lot. Thank you.

- Mrs Ng, parent of Jia Wen, Sec 4

Commendable...

Dear Mrs Eng,

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to you for being such a great teacher to our son. Under you, Evan has gained much. It's not only the academic that we are interested in, but also the social part. You have gone beyond the call of duty, doing kind things that you really didn't have to do. We salute you for that. Not forgetting your genuine interest in your students, we want to thank you for alerting us to some of Evan's thoughts.

We need teachers like you and may you keep that spirit up so that generations of kids will benefit from it. It is sad that you will not be Evan's teacher next year, but you have left your mark in his and our lives.

- Dr and Mrs Wang Chin Foong, parents of Wang Evan

Welcome, Ms Chong Poh Lin

Having taught English and Maths for six years in a primary school, Ms Chong is an experienced teacher who is well-versed in MOE syllabus. She is trained by MOE in the teaching of Phonics and SEED Programme, among others. A mother of three young children, Ms Chong is a bubbly and approachable teacher who has good rapport with her students. To Ms Chong, her greatest achievement is to be able to work in an environment that she loves most - with children, and to be able to teach and motivate them in their daily learning process, seeing them improve day by day.



Welcome, Mrs Shoelle Eng

Mrs Eng is a current school teacher in a Primary school, teaching English and Maths. For the last eight years, she has touched many young hearts and minds with her dedication and genuine interest in her students. Students look up to her as a firm yet approachable teacher who always puts students' interests as her priority. She believes her role as a teacher is to bring up each child to be an independent learner who enjoys learning. A lifelong learner herself, Mrs Eng has obtained certification from British Council in the Teaching of Phonics to young children. For her exemplary performance, Mrs Eng is also tasked with training other teachers in her school.



Parents' Corner — Disciplining your Child

In the last issue, we discussed the first two tips in maintaining good discipline, namely, letting your child know that he has a role to play in creating a happy family; and, respecting your child. In this issue, we continue with two other issues.

1. Consistency is king. Be consistent and unwavering about rules and chores. Every child craves for structure and stability and that comes from both consistent discipline and love.

Follow-through is also crucial. Make good on your promises of punishment or your child will not take you seriously. Act on what you say so that your child knows that you mean what you say, and say what you mean. Don't give

unrealistic threats of punishment that you cannot carry out.

2. Life's not always fair. We're so afraid of disappointing or upsetting our kids — too afraid, say some discipline pros. "If a child never experiences the pain of frustration — of having to wait their turn in line — or if they're never sad or disappointed, they won't develop psychological skills that are crucial for their future happiness," says Harvard Professor Kindlon.

If your child forgets to do his homework before bedtime, do you help him to do it? Probably not. If you do it, you miss the chance to teach him how to deal with the consequences of his behaviour. It is natural for parents to want to protect their child

from mistakes, but in the long run, you will do your child a favour by letting him fail sometimes. By suffering the consequences, your child will probably not make the same mistakes again.

Adapted from www.parentcenter.com and kidshealth.org



Maths and Reasoning Play

1. Shopping

One day, two mothers and two daughters went shopping for shoes. Their shopping spree was successful — each bought a pair of shoes, and all together, they had three pairs. How is this possible?



2. Wrap It Up

You have 100 metres of ribbon, and you need 100 lengths of ribbon 1 metre long. It takes you 1 second to measure and cut each metre. How long will it take you to come up with the 100 pieces of ribbon?



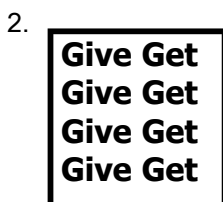
Source: Little Brown, Zoom Zingers



Answers can be found on the back page.

Word Play

Solve these Rebus puzzles. What is the word or phrase in each picture?



Source: <http://www.fun-with-words.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, Ng Yong Sheng

In this issue, we feature Ng Yong Sheng, a Pri 3 student from Lian Hua Pri. Yong Sheng is taking English, Chinese, Maths and Science tuition with us.

- What are your favourite pastimes?

I like reading books and doing sports. My favourite sports are badminton, cycling and swimming.

- What are your favourite books or magazines?

I enjoy reading DiscoveryBox and AdventureBox. I have finished reading the collection in Fun Learners' School and now I go to the library in Westmall with my family to borrow more. My other favourite books are The Magic Tree House, and books by Geronimo Stilton.

- What do you like about Fun Learners' School?

I like the library. The teachers are also kind and approachable. I have learnt many things from them.

- What motivates you to work hard in your studies?

I believe that good results is the path to a better future. Also, I like to challenge myself to see how well I can do.

- You have done very well in your studies. What do you think is the most important factor behind your success?

Hard work. If I can name another factor, it will be: focus in whatever I do.

- What is the most important treasure in your life?

My health is the most important. Without good health, I cannot learn anything.



Teacher : Ted, if your father has \$10 and you ask him for \$6, how much would your father still have?
Ted : \$10.
Teacher : You don't know Maths.
Ted : You don't know my father!


Welcome to our Family!
Cher Win, Dickson, Dorothy,
Gabriel, Glenn, Guo Huang, Hui
Hui, Hong Xiang, Modi, Pei Pei ,
Shibah, Travis and Yi Hui

Answers to logic and word play
(from previous page)

Word Play:
1. For instance 2. Forgive and forget 3. Jack in a box 4. Travel overseas 5. Scrambled eggs

Maths and Reasoning Play:
1. Only three people went shopping: a grandmother, a mother, and a daughter — but remember that the mother was the grandmother's daughter!
2. It will take you 99 seconds. The 99th cut produces two pieces of ribbon.

What's On

Term 4: 2 Sep to 16 Nov 08
School closure: 17 Nov - 1 Dec 08,
22 Dec— 1 Jan 09
Hol programmes: 2 Dec- 21 Dec 08
Public Hols: 27 Oct 08, 25 Dec 08
Equinox high-tea treat: 10 Nov 08
Family Day: 20 Dec 08

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!