

The Fun Learning Times

Guess the Baby

You have seen them around Fun Learners' School. You can recognize them now easily **BUT** can you identify them in their youth?

Try guessing the teachers and staff behind each photo. The one to identify the most photos correctly stand a chance to win a mystery gift!

HAPPY GUESSING!

Hint: Some teachers have 2 photos. (Please see overleaf for the contest form)

Closing date: 12 Nov 2011, Sat

Please submit the completed form to our staff at the counter.

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What People Say about Us:

你激发颖杰学习华文作文的兴趣，让他不再对写作有任何恐惧感。这是你开此华文写作课最成功的一面。我也在此向你说声谢谢，晓燕老师
~ Mrs Koh, parent of Koh Yin Jie, P5

I like the Mind Maps, it is really helpful for my child to analyse the newspaper articles that he read! Thank you very much, Mrs Tan. I'm glad I got the right tutor.

~ Mr Lee, parent of Andrew Lee, P5

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Our Creative Writers



Fire!

By Sherwyn Koh, P5

Mrs Lim was a familiar sight in the neighbourhood. She could often be seen gossiping with other residents about the great bargains around the neighbourhood. One day, she paid a heavy price for her gossiping.

That day, Mrs Lim was cooking carrot soup for her nine-month-old baby, Debbie. Debbie thought that her mother looked funny chopping the carrots and guffawed heartily. Her infectious laughter made Mrs Lim chuckle too. Mrs Lim then

tasted the soup she had ladled out. "Perfect," she said in satisfaction, "I'll just let it boil for another five minutes."

"Ding dong!" The shrill ringing of the doorbell attracted her attention. She laid the ladle on the table and hurried toward the door, wondering who was there. Opening the door, she was warmly greeted by an impeccably-dressed gentleman. The man introduced himself as a salesman selling kitchen utensils. Flipping through the brochure she was handed, something caught her eye. It was the pot she had always wanted, now sold at only half the price. Seizing the opportunity she bargained to further lower the price of the soup pot. After a series of bargaining,

she not only lowered the price, but also managed to convince the salesman to throw in a free gift.

After she had paid for her purchases and the salesman had left, she started admiring her pot, congratulating herself on her good purchase. That was when a piercing buzz sliced through the Saturday afternoon calm. With horror, she realised the noise was from the fire alarm she had installed just a week ago. "My soup!" she exclaimed. Only then did she spot thick black smoke wafting out of from the kitchen. Rushing to the kitchen, she found the entire room shrouded in the toxic fog. Flames were already licking the pot and the stove.

Wasting no time, Mrs Lim rushed to grab Debbie, who was bawling away. As the thick smoke burst into her face, she started coughing uncontrollably. Ignoring her safety, she bravely splashed the water on the pot and stove, dousing the flames completely. By then, she was already panting heavily. Quickly, Mrs Lim managed to turn off the gas stove and carry Debbie safely to her room.

Mrs Lim heaved a sigh of relief. Looking at her charred black pot which was already burned beyond recognition, she felt she was one lucky soul. After all, the only victim was the pot which was replaceable, unlike her precious daughter's life.

"At least I have another reason for buying the new soup pot," Mrs Lim said wryly.

Life is Like...



By Brendan Ang, P6

Life is like a big field with a brick wall in the centre, blocking your way to a chance of many new opportunities. You have to go through it to get to the other side or you will never succeed.



By Tay Kai Jie, P6

Life is throwing a dart. Consider well before aiming at the target.

Welcome, Ms Fiona!

Most of you should by now be familiar with Ms Fiona Eng, our Curriculum Development Executive, whose friendly and helpful ways have warmed the hearts of Learners and Teachers. Ms Fiona graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from NUS. She likes sports such as night cycling and all kinds of racket games, including tennis and badminton. She loves her food too, so do share your recipes with her!



A Bundle of Joy

Congratulations to Mr Chee and Ms Cha, who are the proud parents of Chee Si Yuan, born on 30 September, 2011. Here's wishing Mr Chee and Ms Cha a blissful parenthood and Si Yuan, a wonderful life ahead full of love and joy.



Reading Menu

Books were my faithful companions during my childhood years. My earliest reading diet were the books by Enid Blyton, before I moved on to the Nancy Drew series and, in my Secondary years, the gripping mystery books by Agatha Christie. I could never get enough of those!

Here's a compilation of my personal favourites. Many are also strongly endorsed by my students and my sons.

How do you choose a good book? So far, I find that most of the award-winning books do not disappoint me. You may get the list

from: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal.cfm>

Do note that my suggestions on the age group are only a guideline. A Sec One student may still enjoy *The Hodgeheg* while a more advanced Pri Three student may be reading *Frindle*. The important thing is to read, and to enjoy it.

Due to space constraints, I could not list all that I want to and have included only a book (or two) from each author. Chances are, your child is like me: If we like a book from a particular author, we will tirelessly source out other books by that author. That was how I discovered "Superfast, Out of Control".

Enjoy!

For Young Readers (Pri One to Four)

I will be Champion (Adventure Box series)

The Monster Storyteller by Jacqueline Wilson

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

You are a Bad Man, Mr Gum by Andy Stanton

The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith

Superfast, Out of Control by Louis Sachar*

Toothless Wonder by Barbara Park

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume*

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Third Year at Malory Towers by Enid Blyton

Komodo the Lizard King (Beast Quest) by Adam Blade

Harry the Poisonous Centipede Goes to Sea by LR Banks*

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Frank Anne

For Intermediate Readers (Pri Four to Six)

Discovery Box

Readers' Digest

The Horse and His Boy by C.S. Lewis

Frindle by Andrew Clements *

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Holes by Louis Sachar

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

On my Honour by Marion Dane Bauer

Sing to the Dawn by Ho Min Fong

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

Clue in the Diary (Nancy Drew) by Carolyn Keene

Mystery of Cabin Island (The Hardy Boys) by Frank W. Dixon*

The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett

For Advanced Readers (Pri Six and above)

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side by Agatha Christie*

The Quiet American by Graham Greene*

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Little Women by Louisa M. Alcott

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier*

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Tess of the D'urbervilles by Thomas Hardy*

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton*

To Kill a Mockingbird by Lee Harper*

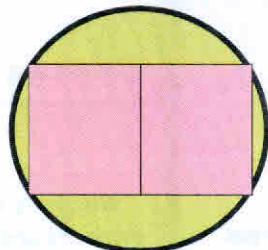
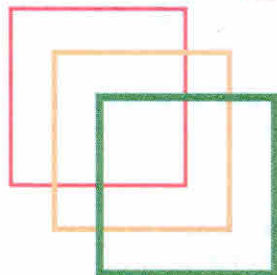
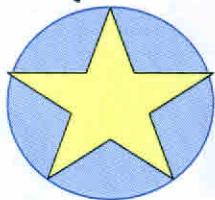
The Little Prince by Antoine De Saint-Exupery

*Except for the books marked *, all others can be found in FLS library.*

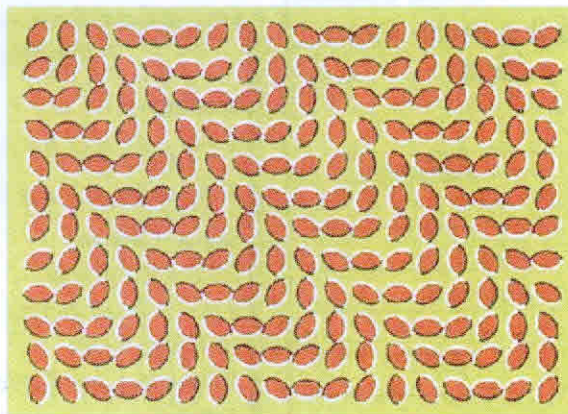
If you have any comments on my list or any favourites to add on, do drop me an email. I'd love to hear from you!
Mrs Tan Chew Ling

Brain Teasers

Can you draw each of these with one stroke, without lifting your pencil? There could be more than 1 way!



Our brain is most extraordinary in interpreting what we see. Sometimes it fills the missing gaps when there is a lack of information. However, reality and illusion are different. So is the picture really moving? =P



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, Qiaofei



Cheah Qiaofei, P5, Lian Hua Pri, has been a Fun Learner since P3. She has a younger brother in P2.

What are your hobbies?

I love reading, especially books on fantasy and adventure. I have the seven books in the Harry Potter series and have read them all. My favourite book is "Holes" by Louis Sachar. I look forward to holidays as that's when I have more time to read!

Writing makes me happy too, and one of my ambitions is to be-

come a successful writer. The other ambition is to be a doctor.

What motivates you to work hard?

I just have this inner drive to want to excel. If I am successful, I can have the things I want without burdening my parents. One desire is to travel around the world.

I am also inspired by my father who topped the school when he was a student.

What do you like about Fun Learners' School?

There is never a dull moment during lessons and I have fun while learning. I always look forward to the lessons!



Guess the Baby Contest

Name: _____

Teacher Photo No.

Mr Chee _____

Ms Cha _____

Mrs Tan _____

Mr Mak _____

Ms Poh Lin _____

Ms Cai _____

Ms Xiaoyan _____

Ms Fiona _____

Mdm Jolin _____

What's On

Lessons

13 Sep -19 Nov, 6 - 18 Dec: Term 4

30 Nov- 2 Dec: Ace My PSLE Camp

Centre Closure

26 Oct: Deepavali

6 Nov: Hari Raya Haji

20 Nov to 4 Dec,

19 Nov to 1 Jan: FLS closure

Activities

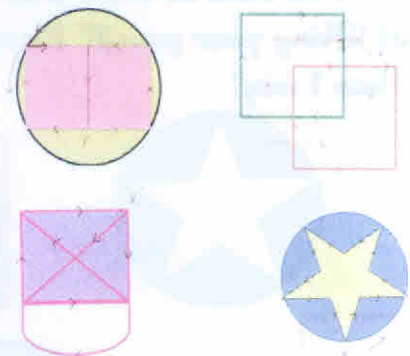
14 Nov: 150 stars Laser Quest Treat

20 Nov: Family Day at HomeTeam NS

Date to be confirmed: post-PSLE treat

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

Answers to Brain teasers



Start from 'A' and follow the arrows.

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!