



FTGP

In our quest for quality bonding time, OEPS introduced the Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) this year. The school allocated 0800 to 0830 on Fridays have been reserved for this pupil-teacher interaction.

After four months of FTGP, the teacher-pupil relationship has improved as we believe that trust and rapport are the building blocks of good relationships.

Low Dong En, P2G, felt that his classmates and him have more time interacting with their form and co-form teachers.

"We played lots of games to help us get to know one another better." said Dong En.

Form teachers, co-form teachers and all pupils participated in activities that inculcate values worthy of a good and useful citizen. Circle Time helps pupils to get to know each other better and Reflection Time helps pupils to express themselves.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Building the future generation of leaders was the objective of this year's Pupil Leadership Training. Some 80 pupil leaders from P1 to P6 attended the training held on 7 April in school.

During the training, the pupils gained insightful knowledge and had loads of fun participating in the activities.

Miss Veni, teacher-in-charge of Pupil Leadership, conducted a series of team building games to help pupils learn important values and life skills.

Mrs Shahrin, HOD, Character Development and Pupil Welfare, shared with pupils the importance of developing leadership skills based on 5Cs: Character, Confidence, Communicate, Courage and Care.

Pupils from different leadership groups like Sports Leaders, AVIT Monitors, Class Monitors also went through a specialised training to better understand their specific roles in order to serve the school better.

Aqil Adli Yashir, 41, learned the importance of having the courage to lead.

"I learn the importance of being brave in making myself heard and also how teamwork can help us to achieve a common goal," said Aqil.



Mrs Shahrin : "What does it mean to be a leader in OEPS?"

Team building: "Which team can form the longest line?"



Chilling out with songs and dance

OPC, the Link International Friendship Day



Henna Painting



Stalls from Europe and Peru



Gulap Jammun

Putu Piring Stall

The school celebrated International Friendship Day on 16 April. The theme for this year is "Our Inter-Connected World". Our eyes 'feasted' on the colourful cultural costumes donned by our International pupils, sumptuous food and a galore of traditional crafts and games.

Our Parent Volunteers also set up stalls to showcase the food and craft of different countries.

With excitement, our pupils sampled the food and had the opportunity to learn to play the traditional games from countries like Korea - *Gong-ki-no-ri, Je-gi-cha-gi and Go-mu-jul-no-ri*. There were also demonstrations on Pretzel making and dough kneading, Murukku shaping and Putu Piring making.

Our Opera Parents Club's involvement has further strengthened the ties between the school and parents.

TEACHERS @ WORK AND PLAY

In Opera Estate Primary, we believe in the importance of having work-life balance. Teachers too need time off to recharge so that we can carry out our duties more effectively.

And what better way to relax than doing something we truly enjoy.

Ms Poh Su Lin, an English teacher of 5H and 6C, an animal-lover, spends much of her time on canine-related activities including pet therapy, obedience demonstrations and organizing parties for our furry-friends. She also runs with her dogs in the evenings and takes them for swims during the weekends.

She even took her interest overseas on a month-long training trip to Germany, where she picked up more skills on how to train dogs. Together with her German Shepherds, Dano and Hans, Ms Poh has competed successfully in many local competitions.



Ms Poh with one of her dogs, Dano



Ms Poh at a dog-obedience trial



Symposium on Integration in Schools

24 April 2010 @ Grand Copthorne Waterfront

The school's Opera Parents Club (OPC) was featured in an MOE publication "Integration in Singapore Schools : A best Practices Package". It is distributed to all schools in Singapore. During the symposium, Mdm Naeemah, Chairman of OPC, shared the parent volunteers' experiences in integration and the benefits they have enjoyed as part of OPC at OEPS.

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Principal's Message



Dear Readers,

I would like to thank you for taking time to read this issue of CABLE. CABLE aims to reach out to our parents, stakeholders, as well as parents of our potential pupils. In this edition, you will be able to catch a snapshot of life in our school and the exciting programmes that were planned for our pupils.

Opera Estate Primary School focuses on the holistic development of every child. This means that the school seeks to develop every child Morally, Cognitively, Physically, Socially and Aesthetically.

I am glad to report that our pupils have done well in some of these areas in the recent months. During the recently concluded Singapore Youth Festival Central Judging, our performing arts groups have done very well. Our Fusion and Chinese Dance groups both achieved the Silver Award while our Angklung Ensemble achieved the Bronze Award. Our pupils have also done well in the area of sports. 2 of our pupils Nur Farah Sng (6 Caring) and Ho Jun De (4 Kindness) have done the school proud at the national level. They clinched 3rd place in the B Division Girls Long Jump Final with a leap of 4.22m and 3rd place in the D Division Boys 200m Final with a personal best timing of 31.35s respectively.

As much as receiving awards and prizes are important, I am also glad that through the process of preparing for these competitions, our pupils have learnt and demonstrated that it took teamwork, perseverance and diligence to achieve good results. I hope these lessons learned will also be translated into the children's school work. I would also like to thank all the teachers and parents who have tirelessly worked to prepare the pupils for the competitions.

Yours truly,

Dennis Yap
Principal

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'Be Aware Be understood'

22 to 26 March

It was a week filled with interactive learning activities and presentations. EL week is an annual event which is organised by the English department. This year we had the support from the National Library to promote the use of Standard English.

Moving from one station to another, pupils played games like Boggle, Taboo, Text Twist and Hangman to expand their word knowledge. The English department also introduced a Book Cross initiative to allow pupils to share their own books. Pupils dropped their books into a bin near the General Office and their peers could take them home for free. The National Library was brought to 'our door step' for pupils to borrow books. Over

1200 books were borrowed! Pupils from each level took part in competitions such as Show and Tell for P1 pupils, Poetry Recitation for P2 pupils, Spelling Bee for P3 pupils, Story Telling for P4 pupils and Oratorical for P5 & P6 pupils. Our pupils also had a chance to listen and interact with Mr Duncan Watt, a well-known author of children's books. The pupils were truly captivated by his stories about wildlife conservation.

Renee, P1D, took the opportunity to play the games every day during recess.

"I like the Hangman the most!" said Renee.



Book Cross: Delighted to bring home free books

Board game time during recess: Engrossed in forming words in a fun game of Boggle

Mr Duncan Watt telling a story on Wildlife Conservation

A whole host of games at recess and activities were conducted with the aim of allowing pupils to experience mathematics and hone their problem solving skills in a fun and enjoyable way. The Lower Primary children were able to practise their addition and subtraction skills in a bowling or fishing game. The Upper Primary children had to work out tricky Tangram puzzles and

strategy games such as the Balloon Ride. The P3 and P4 pupils went on a Mathematics trail, engaging in hands-on activities on measurement and money. The pupils had a pleasurable time learning and applying their mathematical knowledge in a challenging yet non-competitive environment.

Science Week began with a Life Science skit by Reading House. The P5 pupils went on a Nature Trail at the East Coast Park Beach and the P6 pupils listened to a talk by a staff member from Sungei Buloh Wetlands Reserve. Throughout the week, our young scientists of OEPS displayed and presented interesting Science projects of their choice which they had been working on since Term 1. Students also took part in on-the-spot quizzes, a photo competition and an imaginary animal drawing competition. A mini Science book fair by external vendors, Henry Marketing and Plan n Learn, offered a variety of Science books and experimental kits for pupils to indulge in and satisfy their Science craze. The School Library gave valuable support by preparing a Human skeleton puzzle for the P1 and P2 pupils, conducting quizzes and screening of video documentaries on animals.

5 to 9 April

Maths and Science Week

P3 pupils @ work during Maths & Science Trail

Recess games: Fishing for balls



Recess games: Fixing the Human skeleton puzzle

Ready, Get Set, Go!

Sports Day 1 April 2010

Nine hundred pairs of legs embarked on the paths of champions as pupils and teachers participated in the school Mass March Pass. Like how it was done in 776 BC Olympia, a symbolic torch was lit to mark the opening of Opera Estate's 25th Sports Day. From the grand stand supporters to the record breakers, everyone was raring to go.

At the blast of an air-horn, pupils roared with excitement in anticipation of a fun-filled day.

In his opening speech, our Principal, Mr Dennis Yap, urged pupils and teachers to try their best and go beyond their comfort zone. Bedok Stadium reverberated with loud cheers as the first track event started. Aida House, once again, emerged as the Champion with the highest number of gold medals.

Parents also took part as they bolted towards the finishing line with long and powerful strides in the 50m, 100m Parent Race and 50m Power-walking Race.

The level of excitement was further heightened by the performance of our P1 and P2 cheerleaders. Dressed in colourful costumes, their rhythmic chants and astounding performance drew thunderous applause.

Amirah and Ferhan, P2C, cheerleaders from Carmen House, were nervous facing the crowd for the first time.

"There were so many people looking at us and we felt a bit scared," said Ferhan.

"But we enjoyed ourselves and I think cheerleading is cool!" said Amirah.

Achievement of the Athletic Team in the National Track & Field Competition:

- 1) Nur Farah Sng, 6C, clinched 3rd place in the B Division Girls Long Jump Final with a leap of 4.22m.
- 2) Ho Jun De, 4K, clinched 3rd place in the D Division Boys 200m final with a personal best timing of 31.35s.
- 3) Megan Isabelle Blecourt qualified for two semi-finals, in the D Division Girls 100m and 200m events but narrowly missed out on the finals for both by mere tenth seconds.



Our P and VP leading the school on a warm up walk around the track.



Pupils, parents and teachers starting the day with a healthy morning walk.



The Youth Olympic Mascots greeting our pupils with a hearty good morning!



The P1 and P2 Cheerleaders getting ready to perform their House Cheer.



Intense concentration before the start of the race.



And they're off!



Some of our many winning track athletes receiving their well-deserved medals.



Our parents took part and earned medals too!

It was an evening of music and drama, as our talented actors performed at the school's musical 'Phantoms of Opera Estate'. Held at Drama Centre on 29 and 30 January, the performance showcased the talents of our pupils and teachers.

Noor Azira, P5C, who played Daisy, in the show was initially nervous acting in front of the Principal and Vice-Principal.

"I could not believe that I had to be so 'mushy' with my school mate Abdullah, who acted as Andy, but I had to follow the script. You cannot argue with the script or the director. It was fun as many people came to watch me perform. I was so happy that my family came to support me," said Azirah

Our Angklung and Kulintang ensemble, Chinese Dance and Fusion Dance groups also contributed to the rich tableau of performances.

Phantoms of Opera Estate was truly a show to remember, with quirky characters like the gardener, Mr Ray Aziz; the nurturing teacher, Mr Abdullah, and of course, who can forget our 'SIA' girl, Noor Azira. Everyone played their roles to perfection.

Brenda, P5C, took some pointers after watching the first musical back in 2007 and was determined to do better.

"We learned a lot from the previous musical so I think we performed better this time. The finale was fun but exhausting as we had to jump about but I think it was good exercise for us. I hope I will have the chance to perform in another musical," said Brenda.



Mervyn, the school bully, ridiculing his classmates

Phantoms

of Opera Estate

The Game Master, asking Mervyn, the school bully, to make careful choices in life



Mr Ray Aziz, the "gardener" with Mr Abdullah, the nurturing teacher



The gang leader showing off his fearless attitude

An energetic Indian Dance performance



Graceful Chinese dancers



Angklung and Kulintang Ensemble

SYF Achievements

The Chinese dance and Fusion dance groups have clinched the Silver medals. The Angklung and Kulintang group was awarded a Bronze medal while the Guzhang group was awarded Certificate of Participation.

