

Breaking the Record *Under the Lion Rock*

On 5th May 2018, members of our String Orchestra participated in the event "Breaking Guinness World Record with 1000 string players" in the Shatin Racecourse. Organized by the Hong Kong String Orchestra, a non-profit making organization with an aim to nurture young local music graduates in Hong Kong to become professional musicians and to bring the joy of music to people in Hong Kong, this event was the finale concert of the "HK Jockey Club Power of Music Project". A special session was devoted to breaking the Guinness World Record with 1000 string musicians playing *Under the Lion Rock* (獅子山下), a Cantonese ballad that has captured the hearts of many Hong Kong people since the late 1970s.



"One of the Lucky Ones"

Movie viewing session & Mrs J Leung's assembly sharing

On 9th April 2018, the School hosted a movie viewing session in the DGS Auditorium. The title of the movie is "One of the Lucky Ones", which unfolds the life story of a visually impaired lady called Lucy Ching Man Fai, who was one of our distinguished old girls (also featured in the January 2018 issue of Kaleidoscope).

Minutes into the movie, the auditorium was already filled with girls sniffing and sobbing. They did not only sympathise with Lucy's plight but was also moved by her steadfastness in overcoming the difficulties in life. Lucy did not blame anyone at all and kept her faith in God. Another character who managed to touch the girls' hearts was Ah Wor, Lucy's maid, who supported Lucy and her family with unconditional love.

In the morning assembly the very next day, Mrs J Leung shared with the school some facts about Lucy which are not mentioned in the movie.

Inspired by a blind beggar Lucy met on the street, Lucy became the first visually-impaired social worker in Hong Kong and received many accolades in recognition of her contribution to society.

Mrs Leung pointed out that apart from Ah Wor, our Lord Jesus was the one who was always by Lucy's side (as the Chinese title of the film 伴我同行 suggests). In spite of her physical disability, Lucy was able to live a life that empowered not only herself but also those around her.

Mrs Leung wrapped up the sharing by leading the school in singing a Mandarin worship song called 滿有能力 ("Empowered by our Lord Jesus"), with the 1C girls singing energetically and doing actions to the lyrics.



Highlights of Common Test Day Activities

STEM Code & STEM Challenge

During the common test day activities, the Primary 1-3 students embarked on two different activities that focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning. For STEM Challenge, students were given a problem: to cross a stretch of sea from an island. How would they solve this problem? By building a bridge with the given materials! Students worked in groups of 3-4 to build a bridge that could support 21 stones, followed by 30 water bottles. Students worked cooperatively to design the best and most creative bridges.

The STEM Code activity taught students 5 different computing terms: coding, debugging, sequencing, looping and programming. Students enjoyed demonstrating these terms through physical play in making each other follow instructions like a robot, as well as using their new-found skills and knowledge to create a programme.



Evangelical Sharing by the Heralders

The Heralders, a very talented group of Christian musicians, visited DGJS for an Evangelical sharing. Students learned about God's love and were touched by the real life stories of the members' personal struggles and encounters with God. With the Heralders on stage leading, students praised the Lord together by singing beautiful songs and praying.



Congratulations to our musicians!

The school's participation in the 70th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival brought a year of fruitful results. We are thrilled that our String Orchestra captured First place for the second year running. Our Junior and Senior Percussion Bands both came Second. Our three choirs captured a grand slam in all choral categories in the preliminary competitions. In the Primary School Choir Finals, our Intermediate Choir was awarded the Best Primary School Intermediate Choir and the Most Outstanding Primary School Choir of the Year in the Hong Kong Region and the Kowloon Region for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all the students and teachers who participated!



New Extra-curricular Activities

Tic Tac Toe Club

Decision making is part of life. Children, like everyone else, have to make decisions from the moment they wake up. They wonder how their days will unfold, who will play with them and whether they should go to the Library or the Middle Garden. Making wise choices means knowing who you are. In Tic Tac Toe Club, our Wellness Specialist, Mrs. Williams, has prepared an array of activities and games to enhance students' self-awareness and communication skills. Small group discussions are conducted to broaden their perspectives on life as well as the relationships they have with their friends and others. In the programme, students go through a process of self-discovery, whereby they touch base with their own emotions and learn to manage them confidently. This increasing sense of curiosity of oneself opens up their mind and allows them to see the needs of others as not less important than that of their own. As students understand their roles in society in relation to others and the impact they are making, it is hoped that they will grow up to become more compassionate and selfless global citizens.



Chinese Music Ensemble

As you step into the DGJS Courtyard, the distinctively loud and high-pitched sound of the suona will definitely awake your senses and capture your curiosity. Next, music played on the yangqin and guzheng will float to your ears and lift your spirit while the erhu, pipa, dizi and sheng join in the performance by the newly founded Chinese Music Ensemble. 21 students of different primary levels sharing the same passion for playing a variety of Chinese instruments and music in a group setting meet and practise every Friday after school. In the past, these students learned and played their Chinese musical instruments individually, but now with the establishment of the ensemble, not only can they learn and play Chinese traditional music together, they can appreciate one another's talents. Among the ensemble members, a buddy programme has also been set up to empower and support each musician to achieve her full potential. The ensemble is looking forward to recruiting more members to weave Chinese traditional music and culture further into the greater fabric of world music.

