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Daily Giving Service

More than two millennia ago, the Magi made a journey to celebrate a birth that was God's gift to His people – a gift that changed the course of human history. Since then, Christmas has been associated with giving and celebrating.

As local travel restrictions were lifted last Christmas, Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the University of British Columbia and Honorary Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong, Dr Moira Chan-Yeung returned to her alma mater with a gift two years in the making, *Daily Giving Service: A History of the Diocesan Girls' School Hong Kong*. This historic endeavor was a labor of love spearheaded by alumnae who not merely believe in the value of the DGS education, but humbly hope that the insights gained over 160 years may benefit more people. So the book was launched at Mini Bazaar 2022 and is now available online and in bookshops.

Giving the bazaar more significance, Dr Chan-Yeung presented a first edition to the headmistress, Mrs Stella Lau, and met the contributors in person after only having collaborated remotely with them throughout the pandemic. Embodying sweetness and light, the author graciously signed copies for all the Diocesans who had been waiting for a volume like this to add to their book collections.

It strikes the right balance of being informative, entertaining and educational; most of all, the work symbolizes our daily giving service.



Mrs Lau receiving the gift of DGS History Book from Dr Moira Chan-Yeung



Our shared legacy

Gifts of the Season

This year's highly anticipated Mini Bazaar was held on 20 December.

Balancing Covid-19 restrictions and a pent-up demand for our popular fundraiser, we threw open our gates and offered a warm welcome from the wintry cold. Our campus was filled with family, music, and laughter. Visitors shopped enthusiastically for a variety of merchandise and children queued excitedly for fun and games; wholesome messages were exchanged through the song dedication and Christmas cheer could be felt in every corner of 1 Jordan Road. Our guest-of-honor, Dr. Moira Chan-Yeung, author of *Daily Giving Service: A History of the Diocesan Girls' School, Hong Kong* graced the ribbon-cutting ceremony and book launch. Our musicians charmed with their beautiful voices and playing, while the dance team wowed the audience with their skills and energy. All proceeds from the bazaar go to charity, in line with our giving tradition. What a delightful conclusion to the school term!



Our celebration



Joy, unmasked



Homecoming



Chief Justice with School Council members

Speech Day 2022

We welcomed esteemed visitors, members of the school council, teachers, parents, and fellow Diocesans to our annual speech day on the evening of 11 November to share the joy of the Class of 2022.

Speech Day was not just an important milestone for every graduate and for our school, but also a time to appreciate the development of the Rule of Law – the cornerstone of our unique legal system in Hong Kong. The Honorable Chief Justice Andrew Cheung exhorted us to learn more about fundamental values like equality before the law and independence of the judiciary, and emphasized the importance of respecting the law and the courts which uphold our freedoms. To thank our guest-of-honor, Mrs Lau presented him with a copy of *Daily Giving Service: A History of Diocesan Girls' School Hong Kong*.

Mrs Lau also expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the breakthroughs all girls continued to achieve in academics, sports, music, technology, and the humanities. She commended everyone on the remarkable effort invested in inter-school competitions and school-wide performances despite the challenging circumstances.



Mrs. Lau presenting our History Book to the Hon. CJ Andrew Cheung



School Supervisor with DGJS flower girls

Following the successes of our Schools of Music and Sports, our School of Technology is growing from strength to strength.

After the prize presentation, our Head Girls delivered their Vote of Thanks in English, Cantonese and Putonghua, followed by the proud singing of our school hymn. In his benediction, Reverend McCoy prayed for our Father's guidance as we continue to strive for excellence.

PTA & DOGA Bouquet



Mrs. Lau with prizewinners 2022

Victories at Kowloon Park



Off to a flying start



Up for grabs

Perhaps there is no better example of 'stamina for sports' than our swimmers. On 3 November 2022, they were crowned the 34th consecutive Overall Champion of the Interschool Swimming Competition at Kowloon Park, despite a typhoon, Covid-19 disruptions to training schedules, and home quarantine rules that sent our reserve team into the fray of the C grade Girls' Division I competition.



34th Consecutive Overall Champion

As recently as 22 July, our swim team won their 33rd consecutive overall championship with a grand slam. A new record was set in A Grade 50m Freestyle, the B Grade 50m Butterfly, and the B Grade 4x50m medley relay event in November while five records were broken at the July championships.

Between these two interschool events, our inter-house Swimming Gala took place on 26 September. Gibbins House came first overall. Cheerleaders and supporters from every house pulled out the stops, lending their voices, waving banners, flags, and pompoms energetically throughout the afternoon. It was a fun day for all involved!

Not resting on their laurels, our swimmers continued to work their magic at Kowloon Park on 18 November. Named Overall Champion for the third year running at the Interschool Lifesaving Competition, these versatile swimmers proved once again their prowess in water sports: the junior team was champion while the senior one was first runner-up.



No lack of passion



Our Track Records

*If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth (Rudyard Kipling)*

The Interschool Athletics Competition (Division 1) organized by Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation returned to the school calendar after a Covid-19 hiatus on 7 June 2022. The final day of competition was an unseasonably wet and grey Friday. However, displaying true sportsmanship, our track and field team put their best foot forward and brought home a grand slam for the 14th successive year. Our athletes called forth their reserve of stamina and fortitude to race against the clock and achieve their personal best; morale ran high as the team came together to cheer one another on in a fierce contest closed to spectators.



As much as it takes



A final push



A gruelling start



14th victory

A Roaring Success

On 1 August 2022, the much awaited performance organized by the Chinese Literary Club was finally held in the Assembly Hall. Twice postponed because of Covid-19 prevention measures, this annual celebration of the Spring Festival was appreciated by one and all. Though it did not mark the traditional start of the lunar new year this time, it did mark an improvement in the pandemic situation in Hong Kong because mass gatherings were once again possible.



Peach Blossom Spring

The stage was simply but tastefully decorated with a sleek horizontal beam balancing elegantly shaped traditional lanterns at each end in perfect harmony. The warm colour tones evoked by the subtle stage lighting set the atmosphere for the Year of the Tiger.

The three emcees bantered wittily to create a cheery and lighthearted mood for the show. Our multi-talented musicians from the Chinese Orchestra and Guzheng Ensemble opened with their renditions of favourite musical



Waxing lyrical

melodies, followed by our Chinese Dance Team who won applause for their colourful costumes and graceful choreography. To the delight of the audience, classes who had spent countless hours rehearsing took to the stage enthusiastically with their song, dance and sketch centring on Chinese virtues. The thrill reached fever pitch when the students in the audience recognized some of their teachers dressed in period costume in the final item on the programme, the out of this world drama entitled 'Peach Blossom Spring'. Everyone had an enjoyable time and newcomers to the DGS family were full of praise for this tradition.



Swirling colours



Best wishes, one and all!

Dance Away



Carpark Dance @ DGS Plaza

14 January 2022 was a cold winter's day, but the dancers' passion and the crowd's enthusiasm burned unwaveringly bright under their face masks nonetheless. Teachers and students erupted into cheer as booming music took over the plaza, drawing more students out of their classrooms to lay eyes on the vivid exuberance of brown, cream, orange and pink moving in perfect unison below. Starting off were the winners in the dance contest displaying different dance

styles: some powerful and dynamic; some playful and lighthearted, spreading ripples of laughter through the excited crowd. Our versatile Dance Club and Team gathered for the finale, and the Carpark Dance concluded in deafening applause.

Heard Melodies are Sweet



Mesmerizing music

Some two hundred Diocesans came together to put on the Summer Concert and Concerto Concert for the DGS family and friends. Balancing popular demand and social distancing guidelines responsibly, the audience took their seats in our renovated auditorium on both evenings eagerly for the first full concerts we presented on campus since January 2020.

Due to Covid-19 disruptions, few among the participants had any experience of organizing a concert by themselves, so staging these performances was a mammoth challenge and a fantastic learning opportunity for many – from designing the tickets and the promotional flyers to coordinating the teams of emcees, ushers, runners, backstage crew, AV team, Media Production Team and Photography Team. Despite the limited time to prepare for the two large-scale events, student leaders delivered spectacular performances both onstage and behind the scenes.

On 1 August, our choirs, Chinese Orchestra, Guzheng Ensemble and String Orchestra entertained an enthusiastic audience of schoolmates, alumnae, parents, teachers and guests with an impressive repertoire. This was followed on 6 August with a mesmerizing performance by our Percussion Ensemble, Concert Band, String Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and the Concerto competition winners, whose performances were particularly well-received. A few items were performed without a conductor, showcasing the great ensembleship and maturity of our musicians in tackling challenging pieces. The variety of choral and instrumental items drew warm applause from an appreciative audience.

Some were heard singing as they left the campus afterwards.



Wonderful playing



Focused on Zheng



Altogether now



Musical talents



Well done, everyone!

ECA Orientation Day 2022



Drama Ensemble



Chinese Debating Team



Fencing Team



Girl Guides



Math Team



Humanities Club

31 August and 9 September saw our clubs and teams busily recruiting new members for the school year. It was a thrilling time for new students, many of whom could not imagine the wide array of activities available at DGS. Ex-co members had a lot of fun coming up with creative and zany ways to draw new recruits to their booths. There was much laughter in the Assembly Hall on both days. Teacher advisers who were able to take a break from their meetings also lent some star quality to the orientation programme.

Our Home Away from Home



Bonding session

Our brand new boarding house opened this term with 31 boarders who took part in a trial sleepover in late August before they checked in formally on 1 September 2022. The Headmistress introduced our Matron to the boarders and their parents before everyone excitedly explored the dormitories, pantries, dining area and laundry room. Everyone felt overwhelmed by the tasteful décor, was delighted with the adorable Pebble Garden and the impressive spiral staircase, and was reassured by the thoughtful catering and uniform laundry service.



A delectable selection

Though shy initially, boarders soon mingled freely across different forms and between different rooms. The younger ones got lots of tips on extracurricular activities awaiting them for a vibrant school life. The senior girls looked forward to less commuting and more time for revision, activities, and rest. The daily schedule of breakfast jazz, school, dinner with dessert, English news, evensong, and a phone-free night of sleep appealed to all, amazingly.



Post-exam Activities



Headmistress welcoming parents and boarders