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DGJS 150th Anniversary Gala Celebration

A Most Spectacular Evening

Bright lights, lovely music, fabulous costumes and fantastic dancing...this was the start to a most enjoyable evening that I shall never forget. After all our hard work, selfless commitment and numerous rehearsals, the performance was the fruit of every single DGJS girl's labor. I felt very proud and honored to be part of this special event. Then there was the delectable food. The appetizers were parma ham with melon and lobster bisque with cognac which tasted wonderful. The main course, a choice of cod with canard foie gras or grilled steak, was scrumptious. However, my favorite was the chocolate mousse cake with ice cream, a dessert that never fails to please. The food that night surely provided a 'world tour' for my taste buds! The senior school performances were impressive and I especially enjoyed their vocal performance. As the evening drew to a close, I heaved a sigh of disappointment. It was a truly memorable experience for me, and I'm sure all students, parents and old girls will cherish the memories of the night forever.

Adriana Lee 6A

The 5th of May 2010 was the 150th Anniversary Gala Celebration of DGS. The celebration began with a spectacular opening procession and dance performance by the DGJS girls. I was one of the dancers and was amazed to see more than 2000 people gathered together to celebrate this special occasion. I had a good time with my school friends and was honored to meet some DGS old girls. Three cheers for DGS!

Catherine Choi 2B



Can-can dancers practicing in the school hall



Can-can dancers getting ready for the high kicking

Core Dancers

I enjoyed our celebration dinner very much. I was delighted to be a core dancer and perform on stage on this lovely occasion. I was very anxious because there were so many guests watching us perform. We got the chance to wear a sparkling dress and beautiful make up. I had a wonderful time practicing the dance, although it was very tiring. After the dinner, I was so exhausted that I fell sound asleep on the way home.

Kathryn Cheng 1C



Radiant smiles on these dancers' faces mirror the song I am happy



Ballet dancers perfecting their steps



Ballet dancers swinging and swaying to the song



Fantastic ballet dancers rehearsing in the school covered playground

Core Dancers

I yelled in delight and pranced with joy when I found out that I was chosen to be a core dancer. The first rehearsal was at the Academy of Performing Arts and our talented dance coach Ms Petty told us, the Can-Can dancers, that we needed to put in a lot of hard work to achieve a superb performance. The Can-Can dance is passionate and exciting, and made us sweat a lot. After a few months of painstaking rehearsals, the night of the Gala dinner finally arrived. At last it was time to perform. Suddenly, I felt extremely nervous. After the supporting dancers skipped merrily down the dining hall aisle, I took a deep breath and ran down the aisle with my fellow dancers and up onto the stage. I smiled as I kicked my legs high in the air to the sound of the music. At last the dance ended and there was a loud round of applause. We all loved the 150th anniversary performance as each DGJS girl had made a contribution in one way or another.

Sarah Tsoi 4B

Supporting Dancers

As a supporting dancer, my role was to help make the show even more wonderful and complete. I felt nervous in the waiting lounge, but during the performance, I was delighted when everything went so well. I was proud to perform at DGS's 150th anniversary celebration dinner. The hours of hard work were all worth it because the performance was superb!

Elena Vermeer 2A

The clear, starry night was a beautiful scene for the 150th anniversary dinner. As a supporting dancer, I danced by the tables of parents, teachers and guests. With each dancing step, I recalled all the rehearsals I had gone through. We were once beginners and didn't know anything about dancing. After a short period of time, we became experts. As DGJS girls, how could we not celebrate DGS's 150th birthday? During the gala dinner, I could feel that there was something much more important than the celebration. I could clearly see it during all those magnificent performances, the dinner and the cake-cutting ceremony. It was something hard to miss; and it was the team spirit of DGS! As they say "Once a DGS girl, always a DGS girl".

Michelle Mui 5C

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Young supporting dancers practicing their cheerleading moves



Supporting dancers in cheerleading uniforms and Can-can dancers in the final moments of rehearsal



▲ Word formation dancers bending and twisting to form the alphabets

Word Formation

The DGS 150th Anniversary Gala Celebration was like a dream come true. What a happy and memorable dream it was! The idea of having 150 DGJS girls form the words 'DGS Happy Birthday' seemed so ambitious that I couldn't understand at first how it could be done. I was absolutely amazed to see how under the guidance of Mrs Chiang and after numerous rehearsals, we actually transformed from a group of confused bunnies to groups of organized letters! Although I was probably drowned in a sea of 'walking golden letters' on stage, I know that every one of us played an important role in making this dream night come true. How true it is that we strive to excel both as individuals and as a great team at DGJS!

Jasmine Wong 5B

Looking back on DGS's 150th anniversary gala celebration, I pride myself to be a member of the DGS family. Being able to meet former staff and pupils made me realize the heritage that has contributed to what DGS is today. All of us angels were very cautious during the performance. Having shimmering golden bodies, we flew through the stands in a flash to show different words. Each of us engraved a deep image in the minds of the audience. The message "DGS Happy Birthday" was presented to hundreds of spectators loud and clear. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience as DGS has crossed another milestone. People say "Good mothers, good daughters"; I say "Best teachers, best students". A sincere thank-you to all of you out there who helped with this gigantic jubilee!

Jessamyn Chiu 3B

Arts Ambassador

I am extremely grateful to the school for offering me such a wonderful chance to represent DGJS as the Arts Ambassador. Being appointed as the Arts Ambassador, I have a mission to promote arts among my fellow students and to raise the public's awareness on the importance of arts education. To achieve this goal, I was given numerous opportunities to participate in arts activities to broaden my knowledge and horizon.

On 10th April 2010, I attended the Creative Arts Workshop organized by Arts Ambassadors-in-school scheme. Firstly, all Arts Ambassadors learned animation and I realized that in the old days it took about 30 pages of work to produce one second of cartoon action. Imagine how many pages you would need to construct to have a thirty-minute cartoon production! We also had a go at making animation ourselves and it was great fun.



Dana Tsoi at the Creative Arts Workshop

After an enriching morning, we enjoyed a perfect dance performance by two young professional dancers with live music accompaniment! They demonstrated different types of dances, including Tango, Ballet, Waltz and even the Can-can dance which I will perform with other dancers in the 150th anniversary celebration dinner. The dance performance was exciting and it ended with an ear-splitting applause. It was followed by music appreciation in which we all relished. During this session there were demonstrations by musicians playing the piano, the flute, the French horn and the accordion. The guest speaker also enlightened us by narrating a story about a woman's experiences while travelling the world. We listened to her story while the music played in the background.

The arrangement of the workshop was brilliant as everything ran smoothly and the activities finished punctually. The day ended flawlessly and we all went home with beaming faces. I hope we can attend such interesting workshops again in the near future.

Dana Tsoi 6C