

## DGJS Scheme and School Cleaning Day

### Daily Giving Joyful Service Scheme

Our school motto, 'Daily Giving Joyful Service', shows that the School places a strong emphasis on teaching our students the importance of giving to their community. To further promote this virtue in our students, the School started a Daily Giving Joyful Service scheme to educate our students to think more about the community rather than merely pursuing their own interests. Students are encouraged to take up a wide array of service posts around the school to help make the school community a better place. Students can help look after plants around the school, read to their Little Sisters or take up leadership roles in music groups or sports teams.

### Cleaning Day

To complement the Daily Giving Joyful Service scheme, whole school cleaning days were held four times this academic year in October and November 2014, and March and May 2015. With the assistance of the teachers, students cleaned up their own desks, chairs, lockers and the common areas of the classrooms. For the first Cleaning Day in October, parent helpers were invited into the Pr. 1 to 3 classes to teach our younger students effective and efficient ways of cleaning. Mrs C Chiang, our music teacher, also composed a cleaning song which is broadcasted to students while they are cleaning, creating a relaxing and uplifting atmosphere.



# Sharing by Old Girls and Parents

## Assembly sharing on Community Service Work

To expand our students' horizons on how people can help around Hong Kong, special guests were invited to speak to our students during assembly.

In November 2014, Miss Lisa Lau Man-man, BBS, MH, JP shared her community service experience with our students. Miss Lau is a DGS alumna and designer consultant by profession. She dedicates many hours of her life to serving on different boards in Hong Kong to help create a better city for us to live in. One special position she held was when she was appointed as the Chairman of the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health from 2008 to 2014. She organised many anti-smoking campaigns around the city to promote the cause and shared with the girls the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and using their voices and actions to spread this critical message to people around them.



In December 2014, Ms Jacqui Kwan, a DGS alumna and former parent, visited our school with three of her furry friends. Ms Kwan volunteers her time as a foster parent at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). In the past 10 years, she has had over 100 young puppies and sick dogs come through her house. Most of these dogs have been rescued from puppy farms, prosecution cases or were stray dogs from the streets. She helps these abused animals recover from the physical and emotional harm they suffered and find permanent and loving homes for them to live in. In the past six years, Ms Kwan has also been serving as a member of the Executive Committee for the SPCA. This position allows her to make important decisions which minimise animal cruelty in our city. To conclude her sharing at the assembly in three words, the next time you think about adding a furry member to your family, 'Adopt, don't shop'!

In February 2015, Mrs Yvette Ho, past DGS PTA Chairman, was invited to share her work at Changing Young Lives Foundation (CYLF) with DGJS students. Mrs Ho began by sharing photos and stories of ten children who lived in extremely deprived conditions, such as cubicles and bed-spaced apartments, and had to do homework on their beds and earn their living at night collecting discarded paper, cartons and tins in the centre of affluent Hong Kong. She explained to our students how CYLF identifies these youngsters who need help and supports and empowers underprivileged children towards a better life through education and development programmes that nurture the mind, body and spirit. At the end of her sharing, Mrs Ho concluded by saying, 'Remember, "Daily Giving Joyful Service" begins with those around you. Every night when you go to sleep, please thank God for everything you have, because not every child is as lucky as you are. But with a loving heart and a positive attitude, you too can improve the lives of the less fortunate bit by bit.'



In January 2015, our students met Miss Phoebe Lam, DGS Class of 2012. Since joining DGS in S1, she became very active in doing community service work and became aware that God wants her to use her abilities to help others and to live a purposeful life. Due to her engagement in the community and her outstanding achievements in personal development, leadership and social services, Phoebe was awarded the Top 10 Outstanding Youth Award, a prestigious prize presented by the HKSAR Home Affairs Bureau and Commission on Youth. Through her sharing, our students learned that no matter how busy their lives are as students, it is important for their personal growth to play a role in serving society. The girls' eyes were opened to the many different kinds of service work available even just within the school community and realised that, through practising our school motto, 'Daily Giving Joyful Service', they can help the needy and in doing so gain wisdom, intelligence, perspective and a bigger heart.



# Good Lab and Good Kitchen Visits

## Visits to Social Enterprises

To expand students' horizons and encourage them to generate ideas on how they can serve the community, the Junior Prefects and selected Pr. 5 and 6 students paid a visit to a few social enterprises in February 2015. The tour was led by our Headmistress, Mrs E Dai, Mrs J Leung, Miss E Poon and Miss C So. Students were inspired by the range of services they saw on their visits to Good Kitchen, Good Lab and Diamond Cab, and developed insights on a variety of social issues in Hong Kong.



Good Kitchen's employees come from a variety of backgrounds. Environmentally-friendly materials are used in its furnishings, and the Kitchen itself embraces low carbon living. Seasonal dishes are prepared without MSG and with minimal cooking oil and salt.

Good Lab aims at facilitating collaborations across different social sectors and setting up ventures that develop innovative solutions to existing social problems.

Diamond Cab (HK) Ltd. has six barrier-free cabs offering point-to-point transportation services for wheelchair users and is a safe and legal means of transportation for wheelchair users and their carers.

Girls found the visits profoundly meaningful and became determined to become future leaders through inspiring changes that impact others' lives positively.

## Reflection on Social Enterprise Visit

When Mrs. Dai announced that we were going on a school trip to Good Lab and Good Kitchen, a social enterprise, we were all excited, but confused since the term 'social enterprises' was an unfamiliar one. Curious to find out, we searched the Internet and found out that a social enterprise was an organisation that employed strategies to benefit the environment and the community instead of maximising their profit.

With our newfound information, we were eager to witness the location ourselves and find out more about this fascinating organisation.

First, we went to Good Kitchen. Good Kitchen is a social enterprise that helps weak communities. Inside Good Kitchen, there is a shelf full of products made by weak communities called the 'Good Corner'. Proceeds are donated to the weak communities to help them financially. Good Kitchen is a wonderful restaurant that cares about the environment and the Hong Kong community.



The Good Lab builds a community of change makers by providing learning programmes and experimentation opportunities for the development of innovative ideas. Like Good Kitchen, the Good Lab embraces environmentally friendly practices. At our visit, we understood that we do not necessarily have to be professionals if we want to help others. Instead, we can use our creativity to think of something to make the world better.





After our visit to Good Kitchen and Good Lab, we learnt about another social enterprise, Diamond Cab. Diamond Cab is a social enterprise that caters for disabled people who have to travel to different places and aren't able to find a suitable or safe vehicle to take them there. They have a 24-hour hotline available at all times, though they prefer advanced booking. Once a call for help is made, a Diamond Cab drives over to the person in need and picks them up, then takes them to wherever they requested. During the journey, the drivers offer their most sincere care towards the passengers and often make the passengers feel at home. The CEO of Diamond Cab, Miss Doris Leung, told us that the inspiration behind this project was her mother. Her mother was permanently disabled after two operations on her brain tumors and became too weak to take care of herself. The family's experience with wheelchair accessible vans left a lot to be desired. Miss Leung then decided that she needed to take action to change the situation, and that was how Diamond Cab was founded.

These visits were not only memorable but also tremendously educational. We not only learnt a lot about social enterprises but also learnt to live up to our school motto, 'Daily Giving Joyful Service'.

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## Primary Two Theatre Outing

On 6th February 2015, five library mums and three teachers accompanied the Pr. 2 girls to a theatre production of "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts as part of Kidsfest Hong Kong 2015. Based on the picture book by Judith Kerr, this adaptation for the stage saw great success in London's West End before making its way to Asia. The girls were treated to plenty of magic, joined in with sing-a-longs and became completely mesmerised with the tea-guzzling tiger. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this chaotic tea-time story, which was filled with surprises.



# Jan Latta Talk

On 3rd March 2015, Pr. 1 to Pr. 6 students had the unique opportunity to meet an Australian wildlife photographer and author, Jan Latta. During the talk, students' eyes were opened to the exotic beauty of endangered creatures such as the big cats of Africa, pandas in China and orangutans in Borneo. They sympathised with their plight and became more aware of the actions people can take to save them. At the end of the talk, students asked a string of questions in their eagerness to learn even more.



# 王文華講座

二零一五年二月一日，家長教師會邀請了台灣著名兒童文學作家王文華來我校舉行三場名為「當文學撞到兒童」的閱讀講座：為小一及小二年級而設的「快樂閱讀」中，王老師繪影繪聲為同學講述美滿幸福的青蛙故事；為小三至小五而設的「尋訪仙山之旅」中，他以引人入勝的方式探討環保議題；而為小六至中二而設的「經典重讀—《西遊記》」中，他向同學分享改寫《西遊記》一書的心得。王老師的演講生動有趣，聲情並茂，在場的嘉賓及同學均聽得捧腹大笑。

講座結束後，王老師又為同學舉行簽書會，同學都相當興奮，更有一名一年級的同學把王老師在演講中所分享的故事進行「二次創作」，並把她的「作品」送了給王老師。講座活動後，小學部圖書館特設「王文華作品借閱角」，整個三月，借閱角裏的圖書總是被同學「搶借一空」！



王文華老師和同學合照。



當王文華老師提到秦始皇的「芭比娃娃」時，同學們反應熱烈。