

Student Activities

Brownies

Annual Outing

The annual outing was held on 10th January, 2015. This year, the Brownies participated in a Disney Youth Program - Synergy in Science. From there they learned the interaction between technology and creativity and gained an understanding that when parts are put together, they can achieve a lot more.



Cooking Workshop

With the kind help of Mrs Yvette Ho, Mrs Catherine Doo and all the parent helpers, a cooking workshop was arranged for the Brownies on 5th March and 12th March, 2015. The Brownies learned how to cook baked ham, sweetcorn and cheese macaroni. All participants enjoyed the event very much.



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Cooking Club

Little Healthy Chefs

Forty Primary 4 girls, together with a team of 16 enthusiastic parent helpers, embarked on a new extra-curricular activity during lunchtime, aimed to let our girls learn the basics of cookery and to inspire them in domestic science.

Our ex-PTA Chairman, Mrs Yvette Ho and two other parents were kind enough to donate the electric ovens and stoves for this project. All the volunteer parents put in many hours of hard work preparing the equipment for the project and the ingredients the girls need every week. The Science Room on the 8th Floor is now transformed into a basic domestic science room during lunch time every Thursday.



Our Little Healthy Chefs made a total of four delicious dishes: Madeleines, Macaroni and Cheese, Shepherd's Pies and K-rolls. Our talented demonstrators demonstrated the cooking process whilst the girls ate their lunches. Special thanks go to these demonstrator parents who prepared the ingredients to the tiniest pinch of salt for each of the five groups of girls. Needless to say, the demo dishes were devoured in no time in each session.



The last session was conducted on 16 April 2015, and a "bento" comprising each of the four dishes made was presented to Mrs. Dai as her lunch for the day.



PTA-Exco Activities

Food Tasting

Tasting of Food for the Snacks and Lunchboxes Provider for 2015-18

On 17 April 2015, Mrs Stella Lau, Mrs Emily Dai, teachers from the Senior and Junior Schools, girls from the Senior and Junior Schools and parent volunteers came together to participate in the blind tasting of food samples provided by three participating bidders for lunchbox supply from September 2015 to July 2018.

The Student Activity Centre on 8/F of the Junior School was transformed into a tasting room with three big buffet tables. Teachers, students and parents had to taste each and every kind of food from each of the three bidders, and award marks according to their attractiveness and taste. These marks constitute part of the consideration in determining the winning bidder in the lunch tendering process.

All participating teachers and parents had a pretty full lunch by the end of the session.



DGJS and DGS Sports Day

Members of the PTA were invited to join the "400M Walking Race" at the DGS Sports Day on 25th November, 2014. Together with teachers of the Senior School, several members of the PTA executive committee walked briskly around the race track in the Wanchai Sports Ground. It was a fun occasion for the parents to meet the teachers on the sports ground, and the PTA would like to thank Mrs Lau and Mrs A Lee for the arrangement. It is hoped that more Senior School parents may join the event next year.

On 10th February, 2015, in the Junior School Sports Day, a parent-teacher relay walking race was also held, with 10 teachers of the Junior School and 10 members of the PTA executive committee participating. There were 5 teams representing the 5 houses, each team consisting of 2 teachers and 2 parents. The race is symbolic of the co-operation between parent and teachers and it's also an attempt to promote positive interaction between parent and teachers in a relaxed environment. With the smooth running of this "trial run", it is also hoped that parents other than the exco members would join the race to represent different houses next year. The PTA would like to thank Mrs Dai, Mrs Yau and all the teachers who participated in the relay for making this possible.



Parent Teacher Activities



Parent – Teacher Gatherings

Junior School Gatherings for P4 parents

To improve communication between parent and teachers, two sessions of breakfast meetings were held for Junior School P4 parents on 16 and 21 April 2015. All parents of p4 were invited to meet with Mrs Dai and the subject teachers of P4. After Mrs Dai's message to parents that they should try to encourage the development of generosity and empathy in their girls, quoting the famous educator Howard Gardner's views that "wit" and "grit" are no longer the only ingredients for success, parents were free to mingle with teachers to discuss any topics of interest. It was an informal gathering with breakfast (of dim sum and cup cakes) sponsored by the PTA. The PTA is glad to assist with the organization of this event and to promote better home-school cooperation.



Senior School Gatherings for S1-S3 parents

On 9 May 2015, the PTA also sponsored similar sessions for S1-3 parents of the Senior School. Hundreds of parents from each of S1, S2 and S3 attended the event. Each session lasted for over one and a half hours and began with a presentation by Mrs Lau and the subject heads (English, Chinese, Maths, Liberal Studies, Science and Humanities). Parents were then invited to enjoy a mini buffet where they mingled with all the teachers who teach their daughters' year for an informal chat.



Many parents found that they gained a better understanding of the secondary school curriculum, the DSE system, as well as the strength and weaknesses of the their daughters generally. It is an invaluable opportunity for the parents to learn more about their daughter's school life, especially during this critical stage when the girls are turning into adolescents, and home school cooperation became all the more important.



On behalf of all the parents, the PTA would like to thank Mrs Stella Lau, Mrs Annie Lee, Mr Lam Siu Keung and Mrs Paulina Hui for all their kind assistance in making the event possible. The PTA would particularly like to thank the teachers who dedicated their Saturday morning diligently presenting to the parents and answering the questions from parents with patience and sincerity.

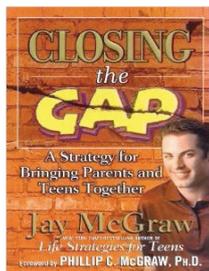


Parenting Corner – some useful parenting resources

做孩子的學習好夥伴 – 作者王文華

面對孩子在家庭和校園內最常發生的課題，天底下的父母遇到的問題都大同小異，而且只要找對方法，一切也都不成問題！「解決」孩子提出的疑難雜症，王文華老師早已練就出一套「王氏心法」，提供20道簡單實用的學習錦囊，並且毫不藏私地在本書中與為教養問題感到困惑的父母親分享。讓您成為孩子的學習好夥伴。

由PTA中文閱書會主管Mrs. Esther Ng推介



Closing the Gap: A Strategy for Bringing Parents and Teens Together – by Jay McGraw

Parents, does your teen withdraw to his or her room at every opportunity? Does she talk with you about her friends? Does she participate in discussions at meals? When did you start seeing your teens as crazy little demons instead of your loving children?

In this entertaining, informative, and life-changing work, the author introduces a new plan for both teens and their parents to work through the issues that divide them and, in the process, rediscover the love that initially defined their relationship. Topics discussed include: Dos and Don'ts for Parents and Teens; Parent and Teen Myths and Ten Ways to Bridge the Gap and Reconnect.

Recommended by Mrs Stella Lau, Headmistress DGS

PTA Seminars

Nurturing Responsibility and Accountability

Following the extremely well received seminar by Mrs. Josephine Ling last year on "Love: Come Home", she held a follow-up seminar in November 2014, which explores how boundaries should be set once a trusting relationship is established.



What fathers need to know in bringing up their young daughters

In collaboration with St. Andrew's Church, we invited Dr. Dave Currie to hold a fatherhood seminar for our fathers. The course focused on the important role of fathers for their daughters. It was amazing and touching to see over 250 fathers participating in a Friday evening seminar.



Myers-Briggs type indicator (MBTI) in improving parent-child relationship and learning efficiency

Around 50 parents participated in the 5-morning session workshop in April. Parents learned to improve their parenting skills by seeing the unique character in each child. We have received positive feedback from parents not only on the contents but also the timing of the workshop is held. Some parents prefer seminars and workshops during school hours which spare them from additional child-care arrangements.



Christian Mothers' Bible Study Group

In collaboration with St. Andrew's Church, the bi-weekly Christian Mothers' Bible Study Group was rolled out since January 2015. Mothers were glad to have a unique platform where they could study the Bibles and explore motherhood through sharing.



點燃孩子的語文熱情

PTA中文閱讀會在30/1/15邀請台灣兒童文學作家王文華老師與本校家長分享他的閱讀寫作心得及他的童話世界。

王老師在家長的演講會中與我們分享怎樣「點燃孩子的語文熱情」，他提到香港的父母較擔心子女的中文水平，他強調寫作離不開閱讀，可以多閱讀經典，多些利用日常生活創作。最後講述他的作文心法。他的分享讓父母及師長們學會怎樣成為孩子的學習好夥伴。

PTA Outings

Educational Visits

P1-6 girls went on different yet interesting excursions in early December 2014 arranged by the PTA.

P1 and P2 girls spent a relaxing day in Holiday Farm and Lake Egret Nature Park respectively where they had the opportunity to appreciate nature and engage in simple handicraft activities.



P3 and P4 girls separately toured Zen Organic Farm and HKFYG Organic Farm to understand what organic farming involves and what benefit it brings.



P5 girls visited the pictureque Ma Wan and learnt about its historic importance as they strolled along the old village. They were also introduced to renewable energy technologies through specially arranged guided tours.

P6 girls had a fun-filled day exploring the many beautiful well-preserved heritage sites in Macau, while learning the historical, cultural and economic development of this neighbouring city through talks by local guides and interactive mobile learning devices. They thoroughly enjoyed not just the sight-seeing but the sumptuous lunch of authentic Portuguese cuisine!



Special thanks go to Mrs Dai, Mrs E Yu and Ms Zhang and the big group of parent helpers who have contributed their precious time and effort to make these excursions safe, interesting and educational for the girls.

P6 Dongguan Garment Factory Visit

On 24 April 2015, Mrs Dai and teachers, with the help of a group of dedicated parent helpers, led over 100 P6 girls to visit the Crystal Garment Factory in Dongguan, Guangdong Province. The girls toured around the factory and saw for themselves the labour, raw materials and equipment involved, as well as understood the many stages of garment production through briefings by experienced docents. Apart from the learning, the girls were most delighted to have the opportunity to design their own mini-T shirt as a souvenir. Everyone agreed that it was one of the most eye-opening experience to see a factory in real operation!

