

Play on! Sing on!

Summer Concerts 2022

After a 3-year hiatus due to the pandemic, finally it was possible for all DGJS girls to showcase their musical talents on stage in the DGS auditorium! There were 3 concerts in total: Concert A (featuring Primary 2 and 3 girls) and Concert B (featuring Primary 4 and 5 girls) were held on 30th July 2022 while Concert C (featuring Primary 1 and 6 girls) was held on 1st August 2022. Each grade level had their own choir and every school team had a chance to perform too. Our girls gained valuable experience running the concerts, as they were also responsible for being the MCs, flower girls and for making in-house announcements.



It was surely a memorable occasion for our Primary 6 girls as they performed two songs *豆芽國* and *You Raise Me Up*, bidding farewell to the School where they had spent 6 years. To express their gratitude to the School, they also shared with the audience their best memories at DGJS through a graduation video that they created.

Special thanks must go to all the conductors, the PTA and parent helpers, the DGS AV Team and Music Department for their support throughout and making sure that all the concerts run smoothly.

Concert with the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra - Who's Wearing That Mask?

The concert was held in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall on 4th September. As an overture to the concert, our Intermediate Choir and Senior Choir performed together two songs, *Summertime* and *William Tell Overture*. Each choir also had the opportunity to collaborate with an orchestra from the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra



of Hong Kong to perform two songs. In the second half of the concert, which featured a mini opera performance of Johann Strauss II's "Die Fledermaus", the girls had a lot of fun acting with props while singing with the soloists.

Yao Yueh Chinese Music Association - "A Thousand Colours" concert



On 9th October, the DGJS Intermediate Choir was invited to take part in the *A Thousand Colours* (花影長歌 城鄉風情) concert organised by the Yao Yueh Chinese Music Association. The concert was a great success! It was an exciting opportunity for the girls to sing 花影長歌 by 張珮珊 with the soprano, Professor Nancy Yuen, one of the most outstanding singers from Asia. The Intermediate Choir also performed 海之歌, a Chinese folk song from 西貢組曲 composed by 葉賜光先生.

5th Ko Chorus Anniversary Concert - The Music World of Ko Matsushita



On 20th November, Diocesan Girls' Junior School Choir collaborated with Ko Chorus in the 5th Ko Chorus Anniversary Concert. Alongside other outstanding school choirs in Hong Kong, our girls performed an evening of fine compositions by Professor Ko Matsushita, who is one of the most industrious Japanese composers and conductors of his era, and was the honorable guest conductor that night! What's more, on 18th November, our girls relished the precious opportunity to learn from Professor Ko Matsushita, who visited Diocesan Girls' Junior School for a workshop with the school choir members.



Primary 6 Community Service Project



“How much do you pay for a cup of bubble tea?” With this question in mind, Primary 6 girls were introduced to the realities of Poverty in Hong Kong and the plight of an often-overlooked community – cardboard collectors, some of whose daily wages would amount to less than the cost of a cup of bubble tea.

In October and November 2022, under the guidance of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Tuen Mun, students navigated through a Poverty Simulation and visited a food bank to pack Blessing Bags, which the students also helped to deliver into the community on the same day. The action-packed morning was followed by chances to discuss and reflect on the experience. Our girls not only found greater appreciation for what they already have, but also a newfound resolve that they should and can make a difference for those around them, and that small gestures can go a long way.



Virtual Exchange with Singapore Chinese Girls' School



Nothing can hinder our girls from renewing their connection with friends from Singapore, not even Covid-19. This year, the Singapore Exchange Programme was conducted via Zoom. From February to July 2022, some of our Primary 6 girls participated in the SCGS & DGJS Virtual Exchange Programme and made new friends across borders with girls from Singapore Chinese Girls' School (SCGS). Throughout the programme, our girls collaborated with their buddies from SCGS to play games online and



work on their group projects. The project was a great opportunity for cultural exchange as girls from both schools worked together to introduce a specific aspect of their hometown to their peers. The highlight of the programme was definitely the gift exchange session. Laughter and excitement filled the STEM Room as our girls unwrapped the thoughtful and heartwarming gifts from their SCGS buddies, while they did the same on the other side of the screen. The exchange programme was an enriching and eye-opening experience for our girls promoting intercultural friendship and a global perspective despite limitations imposed by the pandemic.



Outstanding Results in English and Chinese Competitions

Three of our girls were selected as the top three writers in the Junior Level of the **Good People Good Deeds English Writing Competition**. After meeting with a panel of judges to present their ideas in July 2022, Anson Cheng (Pr. 6) received the Gold Award, Chloe Lee (S.1) the Silver Award and Sadie Chan (Pr.

5) Honourable Mention. At the prize giving ceremony in September 2022, Anson shared with the audience how she was inspired by what she witnessed on the streets of Hong Kong; she wrote a heartwarming story of a girl who stepped outside of her comfort zone to lend a helping hand to an elderly scavenger.

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The winners of the **Hong Kong Budding Poets Award 2021/22** performed their work at the online ceremony on 19th July 2022.
Excerpts from our Gold Awardees' poems:

*A broomstick is my paintbrush
Dipped into rivers of gold.
Raindrops are liquid diamonds
Putting fires to a hold.
Candle lids are my palette
And my mind an open curtain
Unleashing all my inner thoughts
Until I'm far from certain.*

Creativity's Crossings - Hannah Liu
(Pr. 6, 2021-2022)



*Be honest with yourself,
Remember to trust your gut.
When hard decisions are there to be made
There's no need to say "if" or "but".*

*Be honest with yourself,
The mirror always lies.
When imperfection of yours, ugly as may seem,
May look great in others' eyes.*

Be Honest With Yourself - Tiffany So
(Pr. 5, 2021-2022)



「兒童飛龍大使選舉」賽後感

我起初對香港文化不過略知一二，自從參加了「兒童飛龍大使選舉」，有幸參與各式各樣的體驗活動，如親手製作風車、聆聽詠春大師的經驗分享等，讓我更深入了解香港文化的趣味。在「飛龍大使」的選拔過程中，要跟來自各校同學一起合作，共同創造一段三分鐘長的短片。雖然大家身為競爭對手，但我從中學會了放下勝負，與人和睦相處的道理。很榮幸我能夠在飛龍大使第三十四屆選舉中當選，被選為香港區代表，與太平洋各地的朋友交流。在疫情下，我們仍能在線上跟各國的小朋友交流，通過網絡超越地域界限，學習異國特色。

— 鄭安生

「腹有詩書」賽後有感



從第一場比賽到總決賽，我和隊員們一路過五關、斬六將，我們每個隊員都希望為學校取得好成績，大家都很努力地為比賽去做準備。我們一起並肩作戰，一起經歷了許多難忘而珍貴的時刻。在老師、師姐及家長的幫助下，我們最終獲得了亞軍，這是一個激動人心的賽果，我和隊員們都感到非常興奮。

這次「腹有詩書」比賽是我小學階段最精彩的一場比賽，亦是最難得的經驗，為我的小學生涯畫上了一個完美的句號。「腹有詩書」比賽是一個令自己中文大躍進的難得機會，亦是挑戰自己的好時機，我不但從中學到許多有關我國深厚的歷史和文化知識，更明白團隊精神的重要性，還結識了一班好友，希望師妹們將這種文化繼續傳承下去！



— 王熙琳