



An Evening of Celebration – Speech Day 2014

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This year's Speech Day was especially auspicious, taking place on the evening of 21 November, close to the Christmas season. The evening gave us the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students as they developed and excelled under the five pillars of the DGS education – steadfastness in learning, sensitivity towards beauty, stamina for sports, generosity in service and spiritual nurturing. Parents, teachers, old girls – in particular our S6 graduates – and distinguished guests were welcomed by the smart salutes of our Girl Guides as they entered the campus, which glowed with an aura of celebration: colourful banners covered the walls, fairy lights adorned the staircase and our Christmas tree glittered with merry baubles.



We were especially grateful that our esteemed guests – Professor Joseph Sung, Vice-chancellor and President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong; the Right Reverend Andrew Chan; and Mrs. Doris Ho, our School Supervisor – were able to come and present our girls with the various trophies, shields and certificates that signified their hard work and unceasing efforts.

During the ceremony, our Headmistress Mrs. Stella Lau delivered a report on the achievements of our girls in the academic year 2013 – 2014, noting especially the wonderful achievements of our athletes, musicians and actresses. She took the opportunity to also touch upon recent events regarding the electoral reform in Hong Kong, urging the audience to differentiate between the “campaign” mindset and the “compromise” mindset, and demonstrating how the “compromise” mindset could lead to more effective governance that would satisfy both parties. She encouraged girls to be proactive listeners and to choose reconciliation as the way forward in life.



Professor Sung then gave an address that emphasised the importance of humility in leadership and lifelong curiosity in learning. He drew upon the leadership qualities of Pope Francis, the leader of the Vatican Church, who led by example and communicated with the grassroots with humility and an open mind. There were touches of humour in his speech – for example when he amused the audience with his vow to learn Tai Chi after his retirement. Coming from a man who has achieved so much in his career and in service to the community, his words touched and inspired many. In their vote of thanks, senior girls represented the student body to express their gratitude for the tireless support they received on the path to excellence. The evening concluded with a benediction by the Right Reverend Andrew Chan, praying for our Father's continued guidance as we head into another year of fruitfulness and bounteous harvests.



A Year of Remarkable Success

Swimming: Winning the 27th Consecutive Overall Champion

Winning the 27th consecutive overall champion at the Inter-School Swimming Competition, our Swimming Team has had another very successful year. The success was a result of hard work, commitment and support.

Since the summer holiday, our swimmers started their training from 7:00 a.m. twice a week, and sacrificed their lunch breaks on two other days in the week. The tough training ensured our swimmers were fully prepared for the fierce competition to come.

On 24 October, with the hearty cheers from our cheering group, which comprised of both old girls and current schoolmates, our team performed their best and became the champion in all three grades, together with the overall champion. We're very proud of our swimmers, especially Tam Hoi Lam and Lau Sze Wing, who have both set new records.

The team is very grateful for the unfailing guidance of the teachers-in-charge and coaches. Their commitment and support motivated the team to excel in the sport they all love.



Life Saving: Clinching the First Ever Grand Slam

Life saving requires both skills and speed. To prepare for the Inter-School Life Saving Competition, our team started training in early July and organised joint school matches to help our members gain practical experience. This year, the annual event was especially challenging because it had been scheduled on 3 December, which was also the first day of our mid-year examination. One week before the competition, we had to overcome injuries in the team and look for replacements. Fortunately, thanks to their commitment to training, our reserves were ready for the challenge and they performed exceptionally well.

Although the competition was very intense, we are very proud that everyone in the team persevered till the end. With the support of the school, especially Mrs Lau, our coaches and teachers-in-charge, our unified and determined team won the first ever grand slam and the overall champion. It is a fruitful year for the team.



A Summer of Learning Excursions

Geography Trip to South Korea

Last summer, 34 of our Geography students in S4 and S5 went on a field trip to Jeju Island and Seoul, South Korea. In Jeju, our girls visited the Cheonjiyeon Falls, the Seongsan Ilchulbong, the Yongduam Rock and the Ecoland to study the coastal and volcanic features, as well as the development of ecotourism of the city. In Seoul, they visited Samsung D'light, the DMC Gallery and the Digital Pavilion to have a better understanding of the development of the IT industry in South Korea. They also had a tour of the Songdo International Business District to learn about town planning in the country.

The trip contributed extensively to our girls' environmental awareness and promoted their understanding of geography through their first-hand experience. Using their iPads for research and work completion, our girls also strengthened their mobile learning and research skills.



History Trip to Germany

Through understanding facts, views and artifacts, History equips us with the lens to examine changes and the continuity that links our world's past and present. With this in mind, our S4 and S5 History girls went on a trip to Germany to unearth her opulent historical treasures and gain a better understanding of the Second World War.

In just ten days last summer, our 32 History girls travelled through eight cities. Starting in South Bavaria, they went up all the way to Northeast Berlin and finally departed from Northwest Frankfurt. They stayed in a different place almost every night and braved long journeys and at times inclement weather. The ten days proved very enriching.

The destruction of war is undoubtedly the starkest reality they saw. The Second World War left wounds of dehumanising cruelty that are still healing. During their visit to the Judisches Museum, they were allowed into the Holocaust Tower, which was designed to resemble the underground passageways through which lucky exiles escaped during the Holocaust. With its cold, metallic walls and a single glimpse of light, the room created a sense of heart-sinking heaviness. The German-Russian Museum showed the aftermath of the Battle of Berlin – photos of emaciated men and naked women lining up to be shot, and children's diary entries recording the deaths of family members under the Soviet occupation.

The trip enabled our History girls to visualise and examine one of the most important events of the 20th century. They were privileged to see the pictures, artifacts and scenes that have been preserved or recreated to allow visitors and learners alike to 'experience' the trauma and devastation of the Second World War.



A Day of Joy and Warmth

Mini Bazaar 2014

This year's annual mini bazaar was held on 18 December, 2014. On the day, over 3000 admission slips had been issued, and eager students peered over the banisters at Reverend Menear from St Andrew's Church, the guest of honour of the opening ceremony. He kickstarted the event with a choice few words on the charitable nature of the mini bazaar, and students and parents alike made a beeline for their favourite sales stalls to spend for a charitable cause.

Of the 46 sales stalls hosted this year, quite a number of them featured products that were rather innovative and yet turned out extremely popular—customised lai see packets, triangular alarm clocks, and conference folders, just to name a few.



Apart from student-created products, a number of external organisations also joined us in hosting their own stalls within our campus. Helping Hand collaborated with the Citizens' Club to sell cookies to fundraise for the elderly in the Helping Hand HealthBank Cookie Campaign. Queen Elizabeth's Hospital Patient Resource Center also set up a stall in the Gibbins Place, selling handicrafts and delicate items along with the ever-popular snacks of popcorn and cotton candy. St Andrew's Church also joined us for the first time, selling scarves and umbrellas in the DGS Plaza to raise money towards their 2020 Vision project to redevelop the church.

The vibrant atmosphere of long-awaited reunion could be felt everywhere on the campus—from the loving messages and melodies lingering in the air courtesy of the song dedication counter to the ecstatic squeals of current students and old girls as they met unplanned in the middle of the DGS Plaza, from the smiles of contented primary school girls as they gladly delved into their cotton candy to the radiant faces of their parents. Members of the DGS community—parents, old girls, current students and teachers—did not hesitate to purchase and aid the marketing of other products, and the scene was heartwarming, to say the least.

As per previous years, the lower form classes prepared games stalls for our guests in their classrooms. A new queuing system was introduced to prevent parents and children from waiting long periods of time out in the cold for their turns at the games. With the introduction of a stuffed lion called Leo, also the mascot of this year's mini bazaar as the extra-large prize for playing games; the demand for games this year also skyrocketed. Classes were kept happily busy for most of the day, and smiles could be seen on the faces of the prefects upon hearing laughter from the classrooms as they assisted the implementation of the new queuing system.

Mini Bazaar 2014 was organised by a teachers' committee along with a student committee consisting of prefects from the 2016 DSE cohort. The day's events were definitely unforgettable, and its funds will go to various charities to serve the communities in need.



World Choir Games in Riga

Reflections from DGJS Diocesan Riga Choir Members

The DGJS Diocesan Riga Choir ("DRC") was awarded the Gold Medal in the Champions Competition Category C1, Young Children's Choir, of the World Choir Games held at the city of Riga, Latvia in July 2014.

The trip was a memorable one for all of our members. Here are some of their thoughts and feelings.

Chong Sum Yip

I enjoyed the parade in the Old City. We walked down the streets of the town, waving our flags and singing to the people sitting there watching us. The people waved at us too!

After the competitions, we went sightseeing and on boat trips. I found it fun to sail on a boat on a beautiful day, playing cards with my friends and looking at the wide sea. The sightseeing trip in Sigulda and the zoo were also great.

All in all, the trip to Riga was a great experience. I wish I could go there again!

Olga Kwan

The DRC has gone beyond the boundaries of an ordinary choir. Through the ten days of living together, we have bonded as a family, a family that I will always take pride in being part of.

Not only have we bonded with each other, but we have also bonded with the world. As I write this, endless memories flood my mind. I'm sure that no one in the trip can forget the human waves we made as we waited for the results in the stadium, or the exchanging of tokens, made invaluable because of the friendship they symbolise.

Nicola Yeung

We were very honoured to represent Hong Kong as one of the participating teams. On the day of the competition, we were all in high spirits and also quite nervous as we knew that it was an international competition and the competitors were all accomplished musicians and had consummate skills. We did our best and learned from this experience.

Riga is a very musical town. There was a parade and all the people gathered on the streets to listen to music and enjoy themselves. We were part of the crowd and we were even filmed and were on TV!

Natalie Chan

I have learnt about the importance of teamwork and focus. Although during our rehearsals we struggled at times to ensure that every single one of us was focused, we shone on the stage and showed our DGJS spirit. This trip has inspired me to continue my musical journey throughout my life.



School Exchange Programme and Education Tour: Singapore

Reflection from Chloe Shieh

In July 2014, twenty DGJS students (including me) went on a six-day Singapore Educational Trip. It was one of the best experiences DGJS has ever given me. We went to many different places, such as Sentosa, the SEA Aquarium, the Singapore National Museum, the Peranakan Museum, the Night Safari, Gardens by the Bay... however, my experience at Singapore Chinese Girls' School (SCGS) was definitely the highlight of my journey in Singapore.

SCGS is one of the top girls' schools in Singapore. We were lucky enough to be able to visit their school and experience life as an SCGS student for five days. We woke up every day at 5:30 am as school started at 7:20 am. Every one of us was well received by our SCGS "buddies". We had lessons in a classroom with no air-conditioning and just a few fans. I learned how incredibly fortunate we were in Hong Kong to be able to learn in air-conditioned classrooms and that we should never take things for granted. The school canteen was quite possibly the best place in SCGS. There were so many different varieties: noodles in soup, sushi, salad, fried noodles... it was basically a food heaven for us!

Although we stayed in Singapore for only six days (which I think was too short because we had no chance to go to Universal Studios), we learned so much about the history and culture of Singapore as well as its modern developments. There are a number of things which left an indelible impression on my mind as to how Singapore, as an island state with a much smaller area than Hong Kong, could make such great accomplishments.

Singapore has very limited water supply. At the Marina Barrage and NEWater Plant, I learned about the four national taps of Singapore: local catchment, imported water, NEWater and desalinated water. NEWater was the most interesting because it involved turning waste water into clean water. I was amazed by how the Singaporean government had the vision and energy to develop such a technologically ingenious way to "get" water and how technology can transform "dirty" water into ABC (Active, Beautiful, Clean) water using an eco-friendly way.

At the DNA Learning lab, I learned about forensic science and the concept of DNA, and also solved a real crime using DNA testing. It even stimulated my interest in being a forensic expert and I will try to work very hard to turn that into reality.

What connects the visit to these two locations in my mind is that they both epitomise how Singaporeans and their government value the importance of knowledge. Singapore and Hong Kong have very similar backgrounds: we were both former British colonies; we were both occupied by the Japanese during the Second World War and we were both very small and have scarce natural resources. The Singaporean government places a lot of emphasis on knowledge and cultivating the interest of Singaporeans in acquiring knowledge. The water technology is the result of years of research, and the DNA Learning Lab arouses young people's interest in science. At SCGS, I also felt the keenness of my fellow classmates in learning. As young Hong Kong citizens, we should value education and research, as it is only through having a knowledgeable population that Hong Kong can maintain its competitive edge in the world and in Asia.



Visit to Gardens by the Bay with our SCGS Pr. 6 "buddies" on our last day



A farewell photo at the school's foyer



Enjoying local delicacies at the SCGS Canteen



Museum guides from SCGS took us through the Peranakan Museum

Reflection from Sharon Chau

When I look back at the photos I took from my exchange trip to Singapore, I can't help but smile to myself. The happy but swift memories of this rewarding experience float immediately back into my mind and linger until the moment I sleep...

On the first day of our exchange program, I think no one woke up at the time we were supposed to; the wake-up call was at 5:15 a.m.! Anyway, we had a pleasant surprise in store for us. When we arrived at Singapore Chinese Girls' School, our old buddies were waiting at the gate even though they had to take their exams! We were very touched and exchanged information about how we were doing, and also that there was no air-conditioner in their school. Then, we met our new buddies who, despite studying in a grade lower than we were, were actually more mature! After their morning assembly, we headed up to their spacious classroom to have lessons, which included interesting discussions.

The next few days in Singapore passed like a blur! Everything was so fast and our schedule was so packed. Our daily schedule is as follows: morning, lessons at SCGS; afternoon, lunch and visit to the Singapore landmarks; night, dinner and back to the hotel. We visited lots of fun places like the Night Safari, Sentosa, Luge and Skyride etc. and enjoyed ourselves immensely. The only flaw was the burning, stubborn weather, which made us all sweat a lot. However, it did not affect any major things except for the complaints we made about the stench of one another.

From our visit to Singapore Chinese Girls' School, I was most impressed by our buddies' friendly manner towards us. To them, we were not merely exchange students, but also new friends. From their curious faces to warm welcomes, we felt like we really belonged and were not just outsiders. They showed us around, introduced their friends and teachers to us and played with us all the time during the one-hour recess.

I will forever cherish the memories of this trip and remember my buddies, who taught me to be friendlier towards people we are not familiar with, and also to appreciate what we take for granted, like air-conditioners. Bye, Singapore! Bye, buddies!

Netball Club Training

The School organised a Netball Club for the Pr. 5 and 6 girls last year. The Club conducted their meetings during lunchtime and the activity was offered to the girls for free. Netball is a team sport that has been played for many years in the senior school.

We had the pleasure of inviting the Senior School netball team coach, Mrs. Anna Yuen, to lead the girls in this extracurricular activity. Mrs. Yuen is not only an old girl, but also a qualified coach accredited by the Hong Kong Netball Association. Members of the DGJS Netball Club enjoyed learning the game and had a lot of fun through the game activities.



Primary Two & Three Mural Painting Project

We have completed another washroom beautifying project. The Primary 3 washroom is now decorated with colourful paintings. The theme of the mural paintings revolves around the 4Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle and recover. We aim to highlight the importance of protecting the environment through this aesthetic educational programme.

The mural painting workshop was targeted at the Primary 2 and 3 girls, with the aim of stimulating creativity among our girls and equipping them with better painting skills. Before the mural painting workshop, all Primary 2 and 3 students contributed design ideas for the mural painting project during Visual Arts lessons. Each of them created a drawing under the theme of the 4Rs. Sixty students were selected to participate in the mural painting workshop. Since most of the Primary 2 and 3 girls were new to painting or did not have any painting experience at the time, some of the workshops were based on basic painting skills. Students learnt to do research, develop a draft, enlarge their drawings to scale and polish their wall painting skills. Girls did a mural painting trial on big canvases before they painted on the washroom walls. Their experimental work is now displayed on L1 opposite to the lift. Although the painting is not a masterpiece, girls are happy to see their work displayed.

Since our girls seldom had a chance to create large scale collaborative artwork and paint on walls, they were very excited about the mural painting project ever since they were selected to participate in it. Most of the feedback from the girls was positive. Girls enjoyed the activities they did during the workshops and found the skills they learnt valuable.



The PTA Annual General Meeting

September 26th 2014 marked an eventful evening as the PTA held its 63rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Auditorium.

Before the start of the AGM, a video was played which showcased the DGS graduates and students who were competing at the Asian Games in Ichon representing Hong Kong. The hall was then filled with harmonious voices from the performances of the Diocesan Riga Choirs from both the Senior and Junior school, under the leadership of Ms Grace Chiang and Mrs Christina Chiang.



The formal proceedings of the AGM then began. PTA chairman Ms. Deirdre Fu Tcheng gave her report on various activities undertaken by the PTA subcommittees in the past year, in particular reported on the extension of the PTA Scholarship to Junior School students, to reward the girls who demonstrated exemplary conduct and service to the School. She also thanked our Supervisor, the Headmistresses, and all the parents and teachers for their support.



Mrs. Lau then addressed the audience with examples of the efforts of the Senior School under the five pillars of DGS education. She specifically mentioned the excellent university admission status of 56 students as well as their high standards achieved in DSE Chinese subjects to reassure the parents.



Mrs. Dai delivered her speech after playing a video to showcase the various overseas educational visits organised by the Junior School in the past year. She thanked all the parents and teachers for their hard work in organisation. She ended by asking parents to reflect upon the qualities required to achieve success at the finishing line, and urged parents to recognise the importance of noble virtues, community service, and that charity begins at home.



The AGM ended with refreshments for the parents prepared specially by the PTA Lunchbox subcommittee.

The PTA wants to give special thanks to the PTA executive members who retired – Mrs. Priscilla Chan (Head of Legal Subcommittee and English Book Club), Mrs. Viola Cheong (Head of Lunchbox Subcommittee) and Mrs. Londa Lee (Honorary Treasurer) for their hard work and dedication.



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Health and Food

Think.Cook.Save – Health and Food Education

On 2 May 2014, Deirdre Fu Tcheng chairman of the PTA was invited to be the one of the judges of the cooking competition for Senior School students. Five groups of finalists consisting of S2 to S5 girls were shortlisted by the School based on their proposed recipe for a two course meal. Each group was given just over one hour to prepare their dishes and then a panel of judges had to score based on co-operation, presentation, food taste, nutritional value and cleanliness etc. It was a fun and unforgettable experience for Ms Tcheng who urged the girls to prepare the same dishes for their mums since Mother's Day was just a few days away then.



Food Revolution Day

On 14 May 2014, the PTA sponsored the ingredients for a "rainbow salad wrap" event as part of the Food Revolution Day. P6 and all Senior School students were invited to make salad wraps based on the recipe by world renowned cook, Mr Jamie Oliver. The girls had fun preparing the vegetables, making the wraps with bread or rice paper, and adding the special salad dressing. They either consumed the wrap for lunch or brought it home as a treat for their parents. It was a particularly memorable experience for P6 girls who attended the Technology and Living Room of the Senior School for the first time and gained hands-on experience making the wrap under the patient direction and guidance of Mrs Paulina Hui, Head of Technology and Living of the Senior School.



Rice Dumpling for Community Chest

Continuing the tradition, the PTA again assisted in organising the rice dumpling making event on 30 May 2014 where more than 40 parents from both Senior and Junior Schools participated. Ingredients were kindly sponsored by generous parents and participants were guided through the process of making Chinese rice dumplings by Mrs Paulina Hui and Mrs Anissa Wong. Donations received from participating parents, students and old girls were fully channelled to the Community Chest, and the School was again the highest donor this year.



PTA Visits

PTA June visits

The P1-6 girls visited a variety of venues after their final exams in June. P1-3 girls enjoyed a half-day out at the Space Museum, the Heritage Museum and the Maritime Museum respectively. P4 girls learnt about water usage and preservation at the Crossroads, while P5 and P6 girls spent time serving the elderly at the St Mary's Home for the Aged and the St Joseph's Home for the Aged.



PTA Seminars

Health talk on HPV and Eyecare

Dr. Lettie Leung, Dr. Dennis Lam and Dr. Flora Lau co-hosted a health talk on 25th June, 2014. The talk covered health topics particularly for girls such as dietary supplements, HPV vaccines, sex education and general eyecare knowledge. The health talk provided an opportunity for parents to better understand health issues concerning our girls and measures to be undertaken to ensure a healthier life.



An author talk by Sarah Brennan

Acclaimed children's author Sarah Brennan visited the School and delivered a talk to all girls on 23rd June, 2014. A native of Australia, Ms. Brennan has lived in Hong Kong since 1998 and has visited many local schools, sharing her love for reading and writing.

At the talk, the author shared her passion for reading and writing, how she came to be an author, and why it is still important for children and adults alike to read books in the digital age. She also read her new book, "The Tale of Dark Horse", which the students enjoyed immensely.

After the talk, Ms. Brennan presented a set of ten books from her Chinese Calendar Tales series. Girls were also given a chance to order books from her. We hope that our students will always relish sitting down to read a book in this information age.

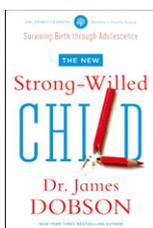


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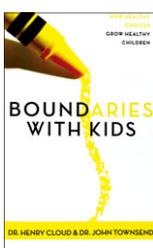
Parenting Corner - some useful parenting resources



The New Strong-Willed Child - by Dr. James Dobson

Is a willful little darling driving you to distraction? *The New Strong-Willed Child* is the resource you need—a classic bestseller completely rewritten, updated, and expanded for a new generation of parents and teachers. Challenging as they are to raise, strong-willed children can grow up to be men and women of strong character—if lovingly guided with understanding and the right kind of discipline. Find out what Dr. James Dobson has to say about what makes strong-willed children the way they are; shaping the will while protecting the spirit; avoiding the most common parenting mistake; and much more.

Recommended by Mrs K Suthipongchai (Counselling Mistress, DGS)



Boundaries With Kids - by Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend

Here is the help you need for raising your kids to take responsibility for their actions, attitudes, and emotions. Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend take you through the ins and outs of instilling the kind of character in your children that will help them lead balanced, productive, and fulfilling adult lives. Learn how to • set limits and still be a loving parent • bring control to an out-of-control family life • apply the ten laws of boundaries to parenting • define appropriate boundaries and consequences for your kids ... and much more.

Recommended by Mrs Annie Lee (Deputy Headmistress, DGS)

“Serve with a Big and Generous Heart” – Interview with Phoebe Lam

Phoebe Lam, Class of 2013, is the winner of the prestigious Top 10 Outstanding Youth Award of Hong Kong in 2014 for her outstanding achievements in community services work. She met with Andrea Lai, Audrey Tam and Adeline Cheng of the Editorial Sub-Committee to share and talk about her achievements and dedication to community services work amidst a busy schedule. Phoebe is the youngest winner in the Open Category of the Award for her eight years of participation in community services.

I: Interviewers P: Phoebe

I: DGS' school motto is Daily Giving Service. What made you become so concerned with helping the needy?

P: I started to be quite active in doing community services work since S1. I even learned sign language so I could help the deaf and dumb. Through my involvement in community services, I saw that there was a lot of inequality in the world, and so many people are less fortunate than I am. I felt that God wanted me to use my abilities to help others and to live a purposeful life.

I: We all know how hectic life at DGS can be with academic studies and extracurricular activities. You were an accomplished pianist, violinist and swimmer during your time at DGS. How did you juggle your time?

P: In order to juggle around so many activities, effective planning is the key to success. Also, you have to acknowledge that you can't do it all by yourself and you have to learn to delegate certain duties to others.



Phoebe won the Top 10 Outstanding Youth Award of Hong Kong in 2014



Phoebe at Red Cross drilling competition.

I: What was the most memorable experience during your DGS days?

P: S5 at DGS was the year that gave me the most memorable experience. I was the busiest that year, being a prefect, and being actively involved in the Red Cross Club, Humanities Club, the choir, as well as preparing for the DSE examinations the year after. It was very tough to keep up with everything. I kept asking myself why I chose to make myself so busy. I believed that God gave me the gift to wisely manage my time and I was not afraid of hard work. Looking back, I was very amazed that I could survive S5 in one piece with very little sleep or food! I felt that it was truly worthwhile when I found out in S6 that I was awarded Student of the Year in S5.

I also remember a lot about my teachers. There was one time when my exam results were not very satisfactory but the teachers were not disappointed in me. Instead, they consoled me and gave me counseling and tuition. Even though I fell, the teachers were there ready with a helping hand, and had faith that I would soon pick myself up. For that, I am grateful.

I: How do you think girls at DGS now can do more to help the community?

P: The School can help by raising awareness of our community's needs. The School can encourage the girls to embrace, through action, our school motto – Daily Giving Service – by devoting their time to help those who are less fortunate than we are.

I: What does the future hold after the Award? Any words of wisdom for us?

P: I am grateful for receiving this award as I see it as an affirmation of my services to the community. However, I believe anyone can do the work to receive the award. You don't need to be born with any particular talent. The most important is to have a big and generous heart to give and to serve. My sincere hope is that many of our readers will be inspired by this interview to start lend a helping hand and contribute to building a better future for our community.



Phoebe with her mom on DGS Speech Day 2012. She was awarded Student of the Year.

The above is an extracted version of Phoebe Lam's interview. The full version can be found in the DOGA website.

Activities

Class of 1994 – 20th Anniversary Reunion Dinner



Class of 1994 old girls
with our headmistresses and teachers

More than 60 old girls from the Class of 1994, together with our headmistresses Mrs. Daphne Blomfield (DGJS), Mrs. Elim Lau (DGS) and Mrs. Stella Lau (DGS) and 20 teachers, gathered at the Jordan Room of Eaton Hotel on Saturday, 30th August 2014 to celebrate our much-anticipated 20th anniversary reunion.

We reminisced about the good old days when we played chase in the Corner Garden. We laughed about each other's hair styles and fashion sense that looked so cool back in the 1990s. Some exchanged beauty secrets that made them look "exactly the same" as they did 20 years ago. Others shared about their current lives as mothers, while some of the teachers spoke about their lives as grandmothers.

One of the highlights of the evening was a lucky draw, with prizes generously donated by our teachers. Another highlight was a slide show showing the precious moments during our primary and secondary school years and beyond. It was clear that even though we parted ways 20 years ago, the spirit of friendship and sisterhood remains. Many of us are still in close touch with one another and hold regular informal gatherings. We promised each other that we will not wait another 20 years until our next big reunion.



Our MC Robyn Lamsam with
Mrs. Elim Lau



Souvenir umbrella

Easter Service Project with DGS Citizens Club

Community Services Sub-Committee

On 22nd April, the DOGA Community Services Sub-committee held a joint event with volunteers from the DGS Citizens Club at the Henry G Leong Yau Ma Tei Community Centre. We spent a fun-filled afternoon with 30 children from ethnic minorities aged between 6 - 12 years. There were a series of activities including an Easter egg hunt, biscuit decorating, and games to stimulate creativity as well as team work. Our sponsorship of gifts for the children not only helped them financially, but was a good sharing session on good value buys and stockists (<\$19/gift). We are extremely pleased with this collaboration and hope we could continue to seek future opportunities to work together.



Community Services Food for Charity Events

Community Services Sub-Committee



Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Day

On 16th May, we joined hands with DGS in Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Day "one million people cooking on one day" challenge as part of a health and food awareness programme. Over 25 alumnae together with their family made rainbow salad wraps. The school provided complimentary tea and drinks while participants savour their wrap as afternoon tea.

In May, over 20 old girls and their children attended the annual Rice Dumpling Making event (萬糰同心為公益2014) in aid of the Community Chest. It was a lovely afternoon where old girls learnt dumpling wrapping skills from DGS Technology and Living teachers. Hope to see many of you again next year!



萬糰同心為公益2014

Membership Sub-Committee Events

Membership Sub-Committee

Around 33 new members, class reps, DOGA General Committee members, mentors and mentees spanning across from years of 1958 to 2013, gathered at the DOGA Room on 26th April for a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship. Helen Wong and Sherlynn Chan, co-chairs of the Membership Sub-Committee, welcomed new members to the DOGA family. Pastries were served while old (and newer old) girls had a great time catching up with one another and mentees meeting other mentors and vice versa!

In June, we set up a reception table at the S6 graduation dinner and recruited a record number of 71 members that night.

In order to enable S6 graduates to continue the DGS bond as they enter university, gatherings were hosted in August and September to assist S6 girls to get the best out of university life, and to network with fellow DGS alumnae in the various universities.



Members Tea Gathering in April



CU x DOGA Dinner on 18th September



HKUST x DOGA Dinner on 19th September



S6 Graduation Dinner recruitment on 18th June



Lantern Decoration Workshop

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Art Club

The Art Club hosted a lantern decoration workshop for old girls and their family to demonstrate their artistic talents and creativity in decorating their own lanterns with colorful paper cut-outs and handmade tissue paper flowers. The event was a great get-together for our alumnae and a wonderful parent-child activity. Everyone brought home a lovely and uniquely decorated lantern to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival.



Make-up demonstration

Grooming Workshop

Social Sub-Committee

On 13th September, Ms. Iris Lim, the renowned Grooming and Uniform Counselor of Cathay Pacific Airways, shared with us expert techniques on how to create a radiant and youthful look. It was an interactive workshop with full demonstrations on make-up and facial advice. Attendees were enthusiastic to learn about skin care solutions for long haul flights and the latest information on skin care products. Each of us also took home a lovely pack of skin care souvenir.

DOGA Annual Dinner 2014

Social Sub-Committee

The DOGA Annual Dinner 2014 was a tribute to the centennial musical drama "House of Wonders" and the five school houses. More than 580 old girls, ranging from the class of 1951 to 2014, dressed up in their house colors and gathered at a new venue for the evening. The DOGA souvenir sales corner was extremely popular where attendees rummaged through the selection of cashmere shawls, tumblers, hoodies, fleece scarves, bags, and heritage sets. The Best Turnout Class with 59 girls from the Class of 1994 broke the attendance record. The first-ever Best Dressed House Competition was held at the dinner where ten winners with two representatives from each house were selected. The overwhelming alumnae participation and their creative styling made the selection a difficult task for our panel of judges. The evening was joyfully wrapped up with the presentation of 118 lucky draw prizes.



Best Dressed – Symons



Best Dressed – Hurrell



Class of 2012 Alumnae

Best Turnout Class – Class of 1994



Best Dressed – Skipton



Best Dressed – Gibbins



Best Dressed – Sawyer



Prize presentation at DOGA Annual Dinner by DOGA President Yvonne Chan to Carly Fan

Congratulations

DOGA is happy to announce that Fan Ka Lee Carly has been awarded the Dr. Symons Scholarship for 2014. The scholarship, which amounts to HKD \$160,000 will go towards her study in LLB at the University of Hong Kong. Congratulations to Carly and all the best to her studies!

Upcoming Events

January	Diocesan Graduate Singers Annual Concert
February	Interhouse Netball Tournament; UST University Group Gathering; Art Club Chinese New Year Event
March	Introduction of DOGA to S6 graduates; Art Club Easter Event
April	Social Seminar; Class Rep & New Members Tea Gathering
May	DOGA Netball Team and DGJS Netball Club in Festival of Sports; Charity Rice Dumplings Event; Art Club Event
June	DOGA AGM; Social Seminar; DGJS Netball Club in Development Tournament; Dr. Symons Scholarship Interview; Art Club Summer Event
July	Launch of Job Shadowing Programme (S5); Tea with Scholarship Recipients

Details of the events will be updated periodically. Please visit www.doga.org.hk to obtain the latest information.

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Joining DOGA:

Any old girl of DGS or DGJS (whether resident or abroad) who has completed at least one academic year at DGS or DGJS is eligible to apply for membership of DOGA Ltd. Details of the application can be found at www.doga.org.hk.

Class Reunion Gathering:

Alumnae who are interested in organising their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact DOGA office for further information.