



From the Year Head's Desk

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Dear Parents,

Greetings! As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of education, we recognise that our teachers are facing unique challenges and have risen to the occasion with incredible dedication, innovation, and resilience. We are proud to showcase our exceptional teachers who have gone above and beyond to support their students and inspire their colleagues.

In this edition of our newsletter, we are thrilled to introduce another two fantastic upper primary level teachers. We are going to get an exclusive look into their lives outside the classroom and find out what inspired them to become such amazing educators. Get ready to meet our superstar teachers!

1. Teachers in the Spotlight (Mdm Ang)



Hello everyone! I am Mdm Ang Si Wen, form teacher of class 6B, and a Chinese Language teacher in Concord Primary School.

"Why do you want to be a teacher?" was a question I was asked often when I first started my teaching journey. Well, I guess it all began during my time in university. Growing up, I was neither the most confident in expressing my opinions nor clarifying my doubts. I was afraid to make mistakes in front of people. However, my learning experience in university changed this perception of mine.

There, every opinion is welcomed and appreciated. It was an environment where mistakes were accepted and rectified, opinions exchanged, and perspectives broadened. And I believe this kind of environment would not have been possible if it were not for our professors. Through them, I have learnt the importance of connection in a learning space: the connection between the teacher and students, the students themselves, and the connection between them and the subject. With this, a positive space for growth is created and that is what I would like to bring to my students.

One of the ways I would like to connect with my students would be through lighthearted conversations and sharing of stories from travels and overseas study. It is hard to find something as rewarding as seeing a kid's eyes light up in wonder as they learn more about the different bits and pieces of life beyond school. Sometimes, it is these life stories that ignite more curiosity and make them think about what they would like to explore or achieve in the future. As their teacher, I act as a moral compass and guide them while they navigate through this journey of self-exploration and discovery of knowledge.

It brings me great comfort in hearing my students share that they had a great learning experience with me years after they graduate. But one thing they do not know, is that I have also learnt so much from them. In this world of adulting, it is perhaps their fresh perspectives that we need. Our kids might just be the teacher that we need at times too!



2. Teachers in the Spotlight (Mdm Vijay)



After teaching for so many years, I often find myself reflecting on the journey that brought me here and what it means to me. The answer is the students.

The journey to becoming a teacher is filled with moments of growth, challenges, and inspiration. Being an experienced teacher, I am still learning new things as I am teaching different profiles of students yearly. It is important that we, as teachers must constantly keep ourselves abreast with the current strategies that would help our students in their learning. I usually customize my lessons to suit the students that I teach.

There is no "best" method that fits all the class profiles. We learn and adapt our teaching strategies as we travel and educate our students. I believe that all students can learn and succeed if they put in consistent effort in achieving their own personal goals.

The most beautiful and cherish moments of teaching are when you witness your students blossom in character and succeed in their life. You will feel a sense of satisfaction and that experience will be a rewarding one. There is nothing quite like the feeling of the sense of pride that comes with knowing that you have played a role in your students' success. There are days when the workload feels overwhelming when lessons do not go as planned, or students do not behave. Yet, it is during these times that we learn and grow the most, both as educators and individuals. Having a growth mindset is important as it keeps me going as a teacher.

Despite the challenges, being a teacher is a choice I have made, and I want to make it a beautiful one for me as well as to my students. So, I continue this journey together with my students, I want to embrace the opportunities to learn, to grow, and to make a difference in my students' learning.

We are incredibly proud of our teachers and their commitment to excellence. On this note, we thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to forging a stronger home-school partnership for the well-being of our students.

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