

Educational Feature

SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH ACTIVITY — CAN YOU SPOT THE MISTAKES?

Many Singaporeans have a tendency to lapse into non-standard English in casual conversations. The dialogue between Su Ling and Tim is a good example.

Parents of children in lower primary may wish to do the following: role-play the dialogue with your child and see if you can spot the mistakes and correct them. You can make it fun for your child to learn how to speak good English.

DIALOGUE

Su Ling:	Hi Tim, how are you?
Tim:	I'm fine and you how?
Su Ling:	Good, thanks. Hey, you can help me collect some books from the library?
Tim:	Yes, can. When?
Su Ling:	Today.
Tim:	Tomorrow morning can or not?
Su Ling:	All right. When can you come and give me?
Tim:	Tomorrow afternoon can?
Su Ling:	Can.
Tim:	Very good.

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Su Ling: Hi Tim, how are you?
Tim: I'm fine and you how?
Su Ling: Good, thanks. Hey, you can help me collect some books from the library?
Tim: Yes, I can. When do you need me to do it?
Su Ling: Today.
Tim: Can I do it tomorrow morning?
Su Ling: All right. When can you pass the books to me?
Tim: Tomorrow afternoon alright for you?
Su Ling: Yes, it is.
Tim: The arrangement sounds very good.

ANSWERS

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Vice-Principal's Words



A VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC EDUCATIONAL HUB

It came as a pleasant surprise to me when I was told that I will be posted to Admiralty Primary School as Vice-Principal in Nov 2011. From 2008, I was part of the marking team for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) at Admiralty Primary. I remembered the warm and efficient school leaders and staff who took care of the logistics and other issues, to ensure that the PSLE marking exercise would go on smoothly.

When I next stepped into Admiralty Primary on 15 Dec 2011, it was with a sense of quiet familiarity. I was struck by the inviting pupil-centred learning environment and colourful exterior.

I am inspired by Admiralty Primary School's vision "A vibrant and dynamic educational hub". I had envisioned motivated staff working together to create an excellent learning hub for pupils.

Three factors in the school made an indelible impression on me these past weeks. Firstly, the united staff are dedicated to the charges under them and worked cohesively as a team towards engaging and motivating their pupils. Secondly, the nurturing environment in the school seemed to have cultivated pupils who are self-aware, willing to learn and energetic. Lastly, I see the commitment and dedication our stakeholders have towards Admiralty. Our Parents' Support Group (PSG) team has been working tirelessly with our staff, often lending a helping hand and support in various school events and activities.

I look forward to working with my principal, staff and other stakeholders to bring our pupils to the next frontier of education in the years to come.

RUGBY NORTH-ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NATIONAL COMPETITION 2012

Our Senior Rugby team made history by emerging as North Zone Champions. It truly was a remarkable feat by them, considering Admiralty's rugby short four-year history. The team was unbeaten in all the zonal matches and scored a whopping 193 points against their counterparts, with only 7 points scored against them. With these impressive credentials, the team entered the National Competition two weeks later, hoping to create history and outdo themselves. To keep themselves sharp in the run up to the Nationals, they played in a series of friendly matches against local and international schools.

They opened their Nationals campaign by playing against a familiar opponent -- Bedok Green Primary School. In an unexpected reversal of fate, Admiralty conceded a try to Bedok Green at the final whistle after having held on to 0-0 for most of the match. The boys were shocked by the unexpected defeat. With storm clouds looming, the tournament was postponed to another day. This gave Admiralty just what they needed; the chance to rally themselves and plan their next assault against Zhenghua Primary School and St Joseph's Institution (Junior).

Their following matches against Zhenghua and St Joseph's Institution (Junior) was a wonderful display of how teamwork could overcome towering challenges. With their backs against the wall and with nothing to lose, Admiralty lashed back at their opponents with ruthless efficiency and won both matches. They eventually topped their group and carried on their march to the Quarter Finals. The icing on the cake was when Admiralty was awarded the Best Sportsmanship Award for exhibiting fair play and sporting behaviour in all the matches in this round of the National Competition.

The Quarter-Final match against Anglo-Chinese School Primary was a tale of two halves. The traditional rugby powerhouse was egged on by a vociferous crowd made up of alumni and parents (who are also alumni). Their quick exploitation of defensive lapses by Admiralty allowed ACS(P) to score three evenly spaced tries in the first half.

We may never know what went through the boys' minds during half time but they were not willing to go down without a tough and fair fight. The second half was an explosive affair. Admiralty kept attacking throughout the whole 7 minutes and virtually camped in the other team's half. They were close to scoring on so many occasions. However, our experienced opponents had answers to almost every single attack we threw at them. When the final whistle blew, Admiralty walked off the field with their chins up, knowing they just played the game of their lives against the eventual Nationals 1st Runner-up and having gone where no Admiralty rugby team has gone before. They are now one of the Top 8 rugby teams in Singapore.



ROPE-SKIPPING NORTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NATIONAL COMPETITION 2012

The Rope-Skipping team did the school proud in the North Zone Championships. The team participated in a total of 24 events in the North Zone Championships and won awards for 11 events. This is a record set by the Admiralty Rope-Skipping team. The months of training paid off when our Senior Boys came in 2nd in the North Zone Senior Boys Division and our Senior Girls, 4th in the North Zone Senior Girls Division. Our junior boys and girls also gave their best for the North Zone Championships. With perseverance and determination, our Junior Team rope-skippers strive to emulate or surpass the success of their seniors for the next rope-skipping competition.

Senior Boys — Overall 2nd in North Zone
Senior Girls — Overall 4th in North Zone

GIRLS

Senior Girls Synchronised Team Event (3rd in North Zone)
Chan Yvonne (6LO)
Erica Goh Li Xuan (6RS)
Jiang Wanyan (6CO)
Loh Yue Xuan, Chantel (6GR)
Rachel Koh Gek Sze (6ET)

Senior Girls Double Dutch Team Event (2nd in North Zone)
Justine Chan Jia Qian (6CO)
Nur Afiah Bte Zulkifli (6IN)
Nur Aliah Bte M. Norazmi (6JU)
Nur Wanyan (6CO)

Senior Girls Speed Relay Team Event (2nd in North Zone)
Chan Yvonne (6LO)
Loh Yue Xuan, Chantel (6GR)
Jiang Wanyan (6CO)
Nur Afiah Bte Zulkifli (6IN)

Junior Girls Synchronised Team Event (3rd in North Zone)
Chu Jia Xuan (4GA)
Hang Jun Hui (4CO)
Nur Narida Bte Abdul Hakim (5LO)
Nurulaini Bte Abdul Rahman (5Star1)

BOYS

Senior Boys Synchronised Pair Event (2nd in North Zone)
Boh Jia Ren (6GA)
Chan Zheng Da, Kevin (6IN)

Senior Boys Speed Relay Team Event (2nd in North Zone)
Boh Jia Ren (6GA)
Chan Zheng Da, Kevin (6IN)
Jowell Nim (6CO)
Muhammad Zhulfadhli Bin Hanapih (6IN)

Senior Boys Double Dutch Team Event (4th in North Zone)
Jowell Nim (6CO)
Muhammad Akid Aqil Bin Kasmawi (6LO)
Muhammad Ilfi Bin Ezli (6Star1)

Senior Boys Creative Individual Event (2nd in North Zone)
Jowell Nim (6CO)

Senior Boys Double-Under Individual Event (2nd in North Zone)
Chan Zheng Da, Kevin (6IN)

Junior Boys Creative Individual Event (2nd in North Zone)
Loh Hao Wen, Chelson (5GR)
Loh Hao Wen, Chelson (5GR) was subsequently awarded 3rd position in the National Competition -- Junior Boys Double-Under Individual Event. This is the first National Award for Rope-Skipping ever since its inception in 2009.

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PRIMARY 1 AND 2 ROAD SAFETY WALK

The Primary 1 and 2 Road Safety Walk took place early this year. The Road Safety Walk covered road safety aspects like how to be safe while crossing roads and the importance of road safety. The Lower Primary pupils started the Road Safety Walk as being young, they may not yet know about how to keep safe on roads.

The Road Safety Walk was preceded by a pre-activity lesson as part of the Health Education curriculum for both the Primary 1 and 2 pupils. Then, the pupils went on a Road Safety Walk outside the school compounds. The pupils were introduced to the zebra crossing right outside Gate C and then walked on the side pavement all the way to Gate F and then to the overhead bridge near to it. From the other side of the road, the pupils crossed the road using the traffic light junction and then went back to the school. After the walk, pupils did a quiz to check their understanding of road safety.

The pupils learnt these points during the Road Safety Walk:

- STOP, look right, look left, and then look right again;
- Wait for vehicles to come to a complete STOP before crossing;
- Raise hand to attract the attention of drivers when crossing;
- Cross briskly (but do not run) and observe oncoming traffic;
- Do not use handphones, or other electronic devices when crossing as these will distract your attention away from looking out for your own safety.

Here are some other important pointers on how to be safe while crossing roads:

- a) Cross only at traffic-light junctions or pedestrian crossings: (including zebra crossing/overhead bridge/underpass etc.)
- b) Use footpaths and overhead bridges and do not cross at dangerous corners and intersections.
- c) At bus stops, do not cross immediately in front of buses after alighting.
- d) Obey and follow the instructions of school patrol wardens and police.
- e) Wear light coloured clothing at night.

PRIMARY 1 AND 2 INLINE SKATING WORKSHOP

During the March holidays, the Primary 1 and 2 pupils had a chance to join the two-day inline skating workshop held in school. The overwhelming response from the pupils saw one session per day turn into two sessions. The first session was held in the morning and the second session was held in the afternoon.

The Primary 1 and 2 pupils learnt the basics of inline skating. They learnt that wearing protective gear is important in preventing injuries. A full set of protective gear was given to each pupil. The friendly instructors taught them how to put on the necessary gear and then got them to put on their inline skates. After that, the pupils learnt how to break the fall using safe falling techniques and in no time, the pupils were up and ready to try. They learnt more skating techniques on the second day of the workshop.

The smiles on the pupils' faces were evidence that they were a happy group of pupils. They not only spent their holidays meaningfully as they picked up a new skill and they can continue with this healthy sport in the future but also met up with some of their friends and classmates.

PRIMARY 3 AND 5 AEP PRODUCTION DAY

The Primary 3 and Primary 5 pupils had their Arts Education Programme (AEP) Production Day after they concluded their AEP Learning Journey for the year. As with the other years, the Primary 3 pupils went to area around Kampong Glam and the Primary 5 pupils went to the Little India area for their learning journeys that focussed on learning about the Malay culture and the Indian culture respectively.

The Primary 3 pupils put up wonderful performances related to the Malay culture while the Primary 5 put up an impressive showcase of performances related to the Indian culture. All the pupils involved saw their efforts being rewarded with the thunderous applause given by the audience which included proud parents and pupils from other classes. The overwhelming attendance from the parents spoke volumes about the excitement and support that the parents have for the AEP Programme.



PRIMARY 3 AND 5 LEARNING JOURNEYS



PRIMARY 4 NATIONAL EDUCATION CAMP 2012

This year, the Primary 4 went for a National Education (NE) Camp which differed from the past years' Primary 4 camps. The first difference was that this year's Primary 4 camp was a non-residential camp and the second was that it was held over three days at three different venues, namely Changi Adventure Camp, Christ Church Secondary School and our own school premises. The activities at the Changi Adventure Camp were sea kayaking and water confidence activities. The activities at Christ Church Secondary School were the rope challenge course, rock-wall climbing, abseiling and zipline. Last but not least, the activities in our own school were field cooking and various team-building activities.

The water activities and the various rope and height activities helped pupils to overcome their fear of trying their hands at things that may be unfamiliar to them and taught them the power of being resilient. This is a value that will serve pupils well throughout their lives. If they believe that they can overcome anything as long as they put their mind upon it, they will succeed in their lives. Additionally, the activities gave them a chance to learn the importance of teamwork. When the pupils are doing the various activities, be it the rope and height activities or sea kayaking, they will need the assistance of their fellow team mates.

The Primary 4 pupils then had a Resource Planning and Management task on hand. First they had to do some budget planning, then they had to put their plan into action by purchasing the necessary ingredients from the one of the neighbourhood supermarkets. After that, they headed back to school and tried their hands at cooking their purchased food items using only solid fuel and mess tins. The second part of the day in school saw our pupils playing traditional games in the segment titled 'Treasures from our Past – Games of Yesteryears'. This allowed them to know more about our heritage. They also learnt how to work together as a team to conceptualise and create new games. This teaches our pupils the importance of knowing our past and building upon it to for a better future.

The Primary 4 NE Camp served as an authentic environment for pupils to practise important social and emotional skills. The camp encouraged pupils to learn the importance of resilience by challenging themselves to overcome their fear of doing new things. It helped to foster good relationship between the pupils and their form teachers. It allowed pupils to work cooperatively in teams and to take on some leadership roles. It gave pupils the chance to gain more knowledge about the neighbourhood and cultivate a greater sense of belonging to the community. The pupils' enthusiasm and active participation throughout the three-day camp showed their willingness to experience the unfamiliar.



NAPFA 2012

Fast! Higher! Stronger! The spirit of those words reverberated through the school for close to three weeks during NAPFA testing period. Upper primary students of Admiralty Primary gave their best in this annual test of speed, strength, endurance and agility.

Having trained for months prior to this test, all pupils were prepared and raring to go! While some chose more modest targets such as beating their previous years' scores, others indulged in some friendly competition with their fellow classmates.

It was not all about setting personal bests during this period. During the 1.6km run, classes paired up to help each other count the number of rounds they ran. It was definitely a good way of making friends with schoolmates from other classes and levels. Our reliable Parent Volunteers provided valuable logistical to the teachers and emotional -support as they willed the students from the side-lines. This provided pupils with that extra boost of motivation to finish that final round.

The inspiring effort thrown in by our pupils during the tests certainly matched the effort put in by the teachers to train the students as well as the parents who cheered themselves hoarse. Well done, everyone!

ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Tamil pupils have done us proud in the Tamil Drama Competition organised by the National Institute of Education on 7 April 2012. Our school was one of the 14 schools that qualified for the finals. We won the 2nd prize for the Drama category and the 3rd prize for the Role-Play category. Here are the names of the participants:

Drama Category:

Shaik Umar Farook B Shaik M (6GR)
Rajendran Sarmiladevi (6RP)
N. A. Asika Thahsin (6LO)
T. Nishita (5CH)
S. Kirhana (5ET)

Role-Play Category:

Sheyshini Mittra D/O
Pathmanathan (2LO)

Track and Field Achievements:

National Inter-Primary School Track and Field Championships 2012

Name	Class	Event	Placing
Elise To Yu Qian	4CH	Long Jump (Division D)	4th
Muhd Hanafi Bin Hanapiah	4GR	100m Finals (Division D)	4th
Tan Si Jing	5CH	Shot Put (Division C)	4th

Wushu Achievements:

National Inter-Primary School Wushu Championship 2012

Name	Class	Event	Placing
Hoo Min Qi	5CH	Nan Dao (Junior Girls)	1st
Hoo Min Qi	5CH	Nan Cudgel (Junior Girls)	3rd
Clarabel Teo Jinghui	4CO	3-Duan Cudgel (Junior Girls)	3rd
Tan Yong Kee	4GR	3-Duan Cudgel (Junior Girls)	4th
Tan Yan Lin Amanda	4CO	Cudgel (Junior Girls)	4th
Zhou Yujie	6CH	Nan Cudgel (Senior Boys)	3rd

Caring Teacher Award:

The Caring Teacher Award gives recognition to the teachers who have been nominated by our pupils for showing care beyond their duty. Let us congratulate these teachers who were given this award:

- 1) Ms Ho Mew Hun
- 2) Ms Soh Chiew Bee
- 3) Mr Tan Guan Chin, Alvin
- 4) Mdm Lim Lay Kim
- 5) Ms Chia Jael

