

Educational Feature

LET'S USE GOOD ENGLISH!

WHAT ARE IDIOMS?

Idioms are expressions which have meanings that are not obvious from the individual words.

You may remember that in the previous issue, we looked at idioms with the common theme of eggs. Now, let's look at three idioms with the common theme of happiness.

You can use these idioms to describe happiness. Now, that is something to be really happy about!

1) What does 'on top of the world' mean? How do you use it in a sentence?

Meaning:

Feeling absolutely thrilled and wonderful

Example:

I feel **on top of the world** now that the examinations are over because I can now spend more time doing what I like – painting and reading.

Did you know?

The feeling of being on top of the world is somewhat similar to walking on air.

2) What does 'walking on air' mean? How do you use it in a sentence?

Meaning:

To be so happy that you feel like you are floating

Example:

Jonathon felt like he was **walking on air** when he won the first prize in the singing competition.

3) What does 'on cloud nine' mean? How do you use it in a sentence?

Meaning:

To be extremely happy or satisfied/contented

Example:

Annie was **on cloud nine** when she received news that she had done very well in the year-end examinations and was the first in class.

4) What does 'over the moon' mean? How do you use it in a sentence?

Meaning:

To be delighted and really happy

Example:

Gloria was **over the moon** when it was announced that she had won the car in the lucky draw.

Did you know?

This phrase appeared in the nursery rhyme 'Hey Diddle Diddle'. It was the cow that jumped over the moon in the nursery rhyme.

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THE WRITE WAY HANDWRITING COMPETITION

The Write Way Handwriting competition was timely organised by Jurong Point. Primary school pupils were invited to send in handwritten tributes to their teachers, in conjunction with Teachers' Day celebrations in September.



"I am thrilled and honoured to win the competition. When my mother told me that my writing had been short-listed, I was over the moon! I couldn't stop smiling! At the competition, I was happy to meet many people. After this competition, I felt really blessed. My parents had shown support and I am glad that I made them proud."

Samantha Tan from 4 Challenge



"I had tears of joy when my name was called. I won \$2000 in cash and \$500 worth of shopping vouchers, I enjoyed participating in the competition. This shows that I can write nicely and neatly, and so can you! Please participate in this competition if it is held again next year. You may just have the potential to win the next one!"

Nur Firzanah from 4 Challenge

BIC CREATIVE STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Admiralty Primary School emerged as one of the winning schools for this year's BIC Creative Writing Competition!

Our winners are:

1. Liang Ai Ting, Aileen (6 Challenge)
2. Lim Zhi Qi, Nicole (4 Challenge)
3. Thattengat Soumya Menon (4 Courage)
4. Loo Jun Hui, Benjamin (4 Endurance)

The winning essays were published in a colorful A5-sized booklet which came free with the September Issue 377 of YG magazine.

Each of the winning writers received a one year (12 issues) subscription of YG Magazines and a Rummikub Board Game set. Our school also received a BIC Hamper worth \$50, two complimentary copies of YG 377, and two Rummikub Board Game sets.

On top of that, the organiser in conjunction with Malaysia Dairy Industries, treated every pupil in Admiralty to a packet of HL Milk! Congratulations to our winners and thank you for the milk!



"It feels amazing to win this writing competition. In fact, it was already a great experience participating in it as it was fun to write a creative story. I didn't expect to win. I joined more for the fun. I want to tell everyone one thing - don't be scared to try and don't give up as you might just be as surprised as me after the results are announced."

Soumya Menon from 4 Courage



"Writing has always been my passion. I enjoy coming up with different types of characters and watching them come alive through my stories. Winning this competition is indeed an honour and is even sweeter as this is my last year in primary school. When I write, I immerse myself in the story that I am crafting. I reinvent myself; sometimes I need to put myself in the characters' shoes to be able to portray them even better. Writing stories enable me to think about how I would feel in different circumstances and this is an enriching experience."

Aileen Liang Ai Ting from 6 Challenge



"I feel very happy and excited to win a prize. Out of so many children in Singapore, I won a prize. It's unbelievable, but true! I will strive to write more interesting stories in the future."

Lim Zhi Qi, Nicole from 4 Challenge



"I did not expect to win the prize. I felt elated when a teacher told me during Assembly that I had won. My parents were proud of me when I told them the news. I participated in this competition as I enjoy writing. I hope that there will be another competition like this one. After winning this competition, I am more eager to join other writing competitions."

Loo Jun Hui, Benjamin from 4 Endurance



PRIMARY 4 AEP PRODUCTION DAY

The Primary 4 pupils had their Arts Education Programme (AEP) Production Day after they concluded their AEP Learning Journey for the year. The Primary 4 pupils had gone to the area around Chinatown for their learning journey to learn about the Chinese culture in Singapore. Also, they tried their hands at Chinese painting during their art lessons. Our pupils also learnt more about Chinese music in their music lessons. The AEP Production Day sought to showcase all they had learnt. Our pupils put up a wide range of performances involving Chinese music, dance and martial arts. As with the Primary 3 and 5, the Production Day was met with much enthusiasm and many praises.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

This year's Children's Day celebration was met with much enthusiasm as there was a mass dance item put up by some of our more groovy teachers. They danced to a very popular song currently, 'Gangnam Style'. All the other teachers who were not involved in the dance were invited to go on stage to join in the Gangnam efforts. The children enjoyed the performance immensely, judging from the incessant clapping and cheering for their teachers. They were also invited to join in and move their bones a little. Not overshadowing this performance was a magic show put up by a hilarious pair called Kit and Kai. They performed many funny tricks and their funny antics made our pupils and teachers laugh. Some members of the audience were invited up on stage to perform with them. Teachers and pupils who went on stage to perform with them were not spared being made fun of. However, in the good spirit of celebration, all who went on stage embraced the light-hearted humour and participated happily in the show. Of course, no Children's Day celebration would be complete without the perennial 'Semoga Bahagia' and a theme song. The theme song this year was 'Touch the Sky' from the motion picture soundtrack of 'Brave'. It speaks of courage and power, something that every child can learn from. Let's keep the flame of child-like wonder alive, whether young or old.

"I really like singing the song 'Semoga Bahagia'. Even though I don't speak or understand the Malay language, I learnt what the lyrics mean during Music lessons. I learnt that the composer Zubir Said wants children to know the values that youths should possess through the song. The song also encourages youths to pursue their dreams. The song wishes all children success and happiness, so may we all achieve happiness. Semoga Bahagia!"

Parul Shrikira Prabhu from 2 Courage



'A IS FOR ART'

After a great success with our elephant footprint last year, our school has clinched the silver award for the A is for Art Programme supported by J.P. Morgan. Organised by the Asian Civilizations Museum (ACM) and the Singapore Teachers' Academy for the Arts (STAR), the 'A is for Art' programme promotes holistic art education in primary schools through museum-based experiences for students and teachers.

More than 7,000 students from 23 primary schools participated in the campaign and became the programme's first beneficiaries. At the end, all students and teachers received awards in recognition of their artistic endeavours.

Our submission of a seat named 'Seat of Honour' was made with hosting the Guest-of-Honour for our school's National Education Festival. The main motivation was to showcase our school's strength as a National Education school to the Guest-of-Honour. With this in mind, the whole piece of artwork was crafted to show the various ethnic influences in Singapore. Look at the picture of the artwork and see if you can spot the ethnic influences.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers' Day celebration would not be complete without performance by pupils. Hence, this year, we had a few special performances for this special celebration. We started off the celebration with a rope-skipping performance by the rope-skipper. The special greeting of 'Happy Teachers' Day' was seen in the cards displayed during their performance. Next, we had a melodious and wonderful performance by the guitar ensemble group. We were also treated to a violin performance by a student from 5 Challenge. Following which was a surprise performance put up by our own Information Technology (IT) Assistant, Mr Carlos Cordova. He mesmerised teachers and pupils alike with his sing-along guitar performance. The gifts of appreciation were then handed to all the teachers to show that a teacher's role in shaping a child is being appreciated more on this special day. After which, we had a prize presentation to pupils who had written wonderful poems for their teachers. The performances captivated many teachers' hearts. The efforts of all those who performed made the day sweeter for all the teachers who joined in the celebration.



ARCHERY WORKSHOP

As part of our holistic education in encouraging our pupils to be actively engaged in sports, our school organised a Basic Archery Course for Primary 3 and 4 pupils during the September holidays. For this two-day course, pupils learnt basic information and skills about the sport which will enable them to participate in the sport and enjoy it at a recreational level.

The workshop saw encouraging response from the Primary 3 and 4 pupils. They were all raring to try their hands at the archery on day one. Some who thought that shooting an arrow with a bow was going to be easy, found out that they could not be more wrong. Great strength and skill were needed to shoot a bow from an arrow. Although the pupils could not hone their skills too much, it was a good start for those who may be interested to try archery at a higher level. For those who just wanted to try this for fun, they managed to spend two days of the September holidays meaningfully.

ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Uniformed Group-Scouts

The Cub Scout Unit has been awarded for the first time a Gold Award for the Frank Cooper Sands Award for the year of 2011. Given by the Singapore Scout Association and endorsed by Co-Curricular Activities Bureau (CCAB) of the Ministry of Education (MOE), it is the highest award for scout troops in recognition of their performance and assessment on membership strength, quality of activities in the pack, number of badges awarded, participation in area and national events and participation in fund raising projects. Kudos to the excellent performance of our young cub scouts!



Performing Group-Malay Dance

Following our Malay Dance clinching the Gold with Honours award for the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Central judging, our Malay Dance Troupe, Andari has performed at the SYF Dance Presentation and Pesta Raya 2012 - Festival of Malay Arts which was held in conjunction with the Hari Raya Celebrations.

The fact that only selected troupes were invited to perform at the SYF Dance Presentation is testament that the award that they have received is of the highest honour. Similarly, the invitation to perform at the Pesta Raya 2012 also speaks volumes about the immense talent of our Malay dancers. To our Malay dancers, keep up the good work!

