

Educational Feature

Everyday vs Every Day

When we use *everyday* and when do we use *every day*?

Question

What is the difference between the phrases *everyday* and *every day*?

Answer

The difference is that *everyday* is an adjective that you use to describe things that are common and usual. *Every day* means daily. You can say: Taking the bus to work is an *everyday* activity for you. Or you can say: I take the bus to work *every day*.

Invitation to Party vs Invitation for Party

When do we use *invitation to party* and when do we use *invitation for party*? Is one or the other wrong?

Question

Should it be *Invitation to Party* or *Invitation for Party* on invitation cards?

Answer

You can use party in both ways. When you say it's an *invitation to party*, you're using *party* as a **verb**. And when you say it's an *invitation for a party* or *invitation to a party*, you're using *party* as a **noun**.

Jungle vs Forest

Which is bigger, a *jungle* or a *forest*?

Question

What's the different between a *jungle* and a *forest*? Which one is bigger?

Answer

It actually doesn't have anything to do with size. If you look in the dictionary, you will find that a *jungle* is "a wild land overgrown with dense vegetation, often nearly impenetrable, especially tropical vegetation or a tropical rainforest" and that a *forest* is "a large tract of land covered with trees and underbrush" or "woodland".

We're not botanists but it sounds like what we have in Singapore are jungles while forests are located in non-tropical areas of the world.

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NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION 2014

This year's theme focuses on the key ingredient in Singapore's foundation – its people and is aptly named "Our People, Our Home". The aim is to celebrate the can-do attitude and caring spirit that hold us together and make Singapore our home.

In the week leading to the National Day celebration, the Primary 1 to Primary 3 learnt about communities caring for one another and having strength in diversity as a "Nation with a Heart". For the Primary 4 to 6 pupils, lessons focused on the message that our people are resilient and have contributed to the growth of Singapore, thereby encouraging pupils to develop their own can do spirit.

The parade kicked off the National Day celebration. This year Leonard Chan of 6 Endurance took on the all-important role of parade commander and what an impact he made. He was calm and confident when he was giving out commands to the contingent formed by the scouts and brownies.

Mr Albert inspected the GOH and after the school sang the national anthem, recited the 'Recollections' and the National Pledge, he read the National Day message.

Following a boisterous singing of community songs, the Primary 1 and 2 pupils had their inter-class sports race at the parade square. The Primary 3 and P4 pupils had an NE trivia quiz and a dance session. The Primary 5 pupils went for a scavenger hunt at Woodlands Crescent Park and the Primary 6 pupils had a tele-match in the school field.

As the school day drew to a close, pupils returned home with happy memories and a wondrous spirit to celebrate the country's 49th birthday.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION 2014

The school celebrated Teachers' Day on 4 September. The Exco prefects and the Parents' Support Group helmed the concert and came up with a very refreshing take on how to celebrate Teachers' Day.

Our Exco prefects took a break from their duties and showcased their performing talents, putting up a colourful dance performance. The Parents' Support Group bravely donned our school uniform and P.E. attire to put up a skit, acting as pupils and enacting a scene from a classroom. Two choir members showed off their silky vocals singing for the teachers and pupils. The head and vice-head prefects then led the performers in a song and dance number to end the concert. Loud applause and cheers were heard when the teachers went up the stage and received gifts of appreciation.

This year, the Parents' Support Group decided handed out special awards to our teachers. After tallying the pupils' votes, we finally found out who were the most humorous, most IT-savvy, most sporty, most stylish and friendliest teachers, according to the pupils. It was truly an enjoyable celebration.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our Children's Day celebration this year kicked off with the Children's Day message and the pupils singing 'Semoga Bahagia'

The teachers put up a play about a Queen and her advisor visiting Admiralty Primary School and helping people. From the moment these characters appeared, the hall was filled with laughter. One by one, 'Hello Kitty', 'Smurfette' and even Korean superstar 'Psy' appeared on stage to seek help from the wise Queen.

As part of the play, the Parents' Support Group showed up in their gym attire and danced to Pharrell Williams' 'Happy'. Teachers showed off their fancy footwork in a Cha Cha Swing dance. Four male 'superstars' sang the song 'Child' and the play ended with a group of teachers singing the song 'Let It Go' from the animated feature film *Frozen*. The singing was accompanied by teachers playing the keyboard, percussion instruments as well as the Indian musical instrument, the *Veena*.

In addition, our pupils were reminded of the less fortunate in our society and prefects went on stage to appeal for donations. When the whole performance ended, it was clear that everyone had enjoyed themselves immensely.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents who participated in the comedy, songs and dance!



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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

This is the first year that we had the Mid-Autumn Festival celebration. It was held on a weekday evening. It was organised to create greater understanding of the Chinese culture associated with Mid-Autumn Festival. It also helps to foster greater parent-child bonding as all parents of the Primary 1 and 2 pupils were invited to join in.

There was a dance performance by the Chinese Dance members, a photo booth for photo-taking, mooncake and Chinese tea tasting, a hands-on mooncake making session conducted by the Parents' Support Group (PSG) and of course, the lantern parade which is synonymous with the festival. Games like the Chinese riddles made the celebration even more interesting. Some pupils tried their hand at handicraft – the making of the rabbit with a handkerchief. They brought their handicraft back home. The laughter and boisterous atmosphere showed that everyone who attended the celebration enjoyed themselves very much.



SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2014

The theme this year was: Environment - Ours to Keep. Taking on a new approach, we collaborated with organisations such as Singapore Power, Animal Concerns Research & Education Society (ACRES), National Parks Singapore, World Wide Fund for Nature. These organisations put up exhibits to bring about awareness in pupils on how they can help in saving energy and reducing waste and most importantly care for the environment around them.

Learning takes place beyond the classroom and we hope to show that learning can take place through interactive and fun activities. During the Science Festival, pupils from all levels were engaged in enriching activities and quizzes provided by our vendors and teacher. Our pupils were further intrigued by the live displays and demonstrations put up our Young Science Challenge competitors.

The Young Scientist Challenge segment consists of three categories which pupils can choose to participate in one of their interest, namely, toy making, scientific demonstration or Science investigation. This helped to make pupils be self-directed learners while creating innovative toys which use science concepts or doing simple scientific investigations on their own. Through this challenge, pupils had to find out more about the science concept by the doing their own investigation and research. This extend the pupils' learning of the science concepts and skills taught in class and see their relevance in their daily lives.



INNOVATION CLUB ACHIEVEMENT

Some of the Innovtion Club members participated in SYSF (Singapore Youth Science Festival) at the Science Centre and at the 13th Elementz Science Project Competition held at Anderson Secondary School. At the SYSF, they have been given the award for the Best Exhibit Award. They have been awarded the silver, bronze and the Certificate of Commendation for the Elementz Science Project Competition.

SYSF (Best Exhibit Display Award)

1. Yunn Thiri (5 Challenge)
2. Mavis Cheng Zaixuan (5 Challenge)
3. Wint Yupar Ko (5 Challenge)
4. Soh Iwin (5 Courage)

13th Elementz Science Project Competition Silver Award

1. Jeffrey Tiang Jun Rong (4 Challenge)
2. Ethan Ong Yiteng (4 Challenge)
3. Tong Lip Yu (4 Challenge)

Bronze Award

1. Qin XiaoPeng (5 Courage)
2. Chung Hong Wei (5 Endurance)
3. Lui Jin Wei (5 Endurance)
4. Austin Hilario (5 Courage)

Certificate of Commendation

1. Yunn Thiri (5 Challenge)
2. Mavis Cheng Zaixuan (5 Challenge)
3. Wint Yupar Ko (5 Challenge)
4. Soh Iwin (5 Courage)



MALAY SOLILOQUY COMPETITION

The Malay Department is proud to announce that two of our pupils won the 1st and 3rd prizes for the Soliloquy competition organised by Yusof Ishak Secondary School and Perkumpulan Seni. They were featured in the Suria newspaper on Monday, 25 August 2014.

Muhammad Faisal Bin Osman from 2 Graciousness has won the 1st prize and Ammar Rasyiqah of 4 Gallantry has won the 3rd prize.

This competition was opened to all primary schools for the first time and Admiralty Primary School has won the Dr Ahmad Mohamed Magad Award and was given a trophy.



Muhd Faisal



Ammar Rasyiqah

Congratulations to our pupils. We hope that we will have more of such achievements in the future!

AUTHOR TALK BY JESSICA ALEJANDRO

Jessica Alejandro, whose books were shortlisted for two Hedwig Anuar awards, the Children's Book Award and winner of the Popular Readers Choice Award 2011, came by Admiralty Primary School to speak to our pupils about reading and speaking good English.

Through a captivating and funny video presentation, she showed why reading can be fun and beneficial. She introduced the characters from her series 'Extraordinary Losers' and told everyone that her characters were based on her observations of children.

There was a quiz session at the end where our pupils had the chance to win prizes! At the end of that lively session, she was hopeful that our pupils will be more motivated to read!



THE 3RD NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL AT BRADDELL HEIGHTS

The Photography Club participated in the 3rd National Photography Festival on 19 July 2014. The team of photographers went to the Braddell Heights area to take photographs according to the themes: Nature, Motion, Landscaping and Family.

The team achieved a Special Mention. Ng Yan Zhang of 5 Challenge won the Individual Best Shot Award for his photograph of an insect, a praying mantis. The photographers who won awards are Siah Ren Jie of 5 Endurance, Ow Yeong Li Wen of 5 Enterprise and Timothy Ong of 4 Enterprise. Ng Yan Zhang's photo also won the People's Choice Award. This award was given to the photographs that were voted the most popular.

Let's applaud our junior photographers for their wonderful achievement!

THE WHOLE-SCHOOL APPROACH FOR GOOD ENGLISH AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Spelling Bee Competition for Primary 1 and 2 Pupils

For the Primary 1 and 2 pupils, we have the Spelling Bee competition in the form of a game show that has been held for a few years now.

This year, we also had a Spelling Bee competition in Term 2. It was an inter-class competition and three pupils represented each class and fought for the first, second and third positions. The Primary 1 and 2 pupils had fun as they supported their classmates in the competition. Everyone also participated in the competition as they spelt out the words on paper and checked with the correct answers at the end of each round. After the competition, the pupils learnt about the origin of some words and also watched a video about grammar. The pupils looked jubilant and enjoyed the game show. We will continue to have this for the Primary 1 and 2 pupils every year.

English Game Show for Primary 3 and 4 Pupils

The last game show was in 2012. The 2012 game show was an inter-class competition and three contestants from each class had to answer grammar, vocabulary and general knowledge questions about Singapore. The focus of the game show was to test their knowledge and competency in the English Language. This was inspired by the game show 'We Are Singaporeans'.

This year, the game show was also run near to National Day. The inter-class element was still present but everyone had the chance to participate as they had to work out the answers in groups and their collective efforts contributed to a final score for each class. The pupils viewed video clips from the TV show 'Secret Singapore' and then answering questions about what they have heard and seen in the video clips. Many interesting facts about Singapore's places, people and things were presented in the various episodes. In the midst of finding out more about Singapore, pupils also identified examples of non-standard English and tried their hands at correcting them.

