

THE RAFFLES WAVE



**RAFFLES
GIRLS' SCHOOL**
*Nurturing Daughters
of a Better Age*



Sports Fest 2015: A morning of fun and exciting sports activities culminates in the energetic displays of cheers and slick dance moves by our cheerleading teams. For their spectacular performance 'Warning: Waddle', the Waddle house cheerleaders (pictured) won the champion trophy for the Inter-House Cheer cum Dance Display Competition! (Photo by the RGS Photographic Society)

WELCOME TO RGS!



Members of the RGS Symphonic Band in various shades of coolness as they captivate visitors with their performance.

Incessant rain did not stop visitors from pouring into RGS for our Open House 2015, where activities and talks were lined up throughout the day, and information booths were aplenty to let them get a glimpse of the RGS Experience. Visitors were also kept entertained with performances by some of our creative and talented CCA groups, while the spirit of the RGS community was further exhibited through the mass dance and cheers by our Year 1 students and the cheerleading squads from the five Houses.



Our Open House Ambassadors on hand to address queries from visitors.



Ms Nooraza Binte Ismail (left) and Ms Ong Tong, members from the Parents for RGS Association, share their experiences on their journeys with their daughters in RGS through the talk 'Parents as Partners - In Conversation with Parents of RGS Students'.

RGS LEADERSHIP BOARDS 2015 - 2016**Prefectorial Board***Head Prefect*

Fu Jiali Beverly

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Peck Hsiao Shan

Goh Shi En Ruth

Peer Support Board*Chairperson*

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Vice-Chairpersons

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Chua Hui Min

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Lim Zhi Yi Vanessa

Deputy Speakers

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Charlotte Lim Jia Jie

Houses**Tarbet***Captain*

Ella Tan Ray Ing

Vice-Captain

Chong Jo-En

Buckle*Captain*

Sarah Ong Jia Qi

Vice-Captain

Loh Yi Ning

Richardson*Captain*

Tan Ying Hui

Vice-Captain

Ashley Tan Yu Yi

Hadley*Captain*

Nichelle Eng Jia Yi

Vice-Captain

Soh Su Min Megan

Waddle*Captain*

Chang Ting Yu

Vice-Captain

Nikhita Tejal Mulani

We congratulate the students on their appointments and wish them all the very best as they strive to fulfil their duties and responsibilities!

RGS PARENTS - OUR PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

For the first time this year, RGS devoted an entire day to engaging our parents through the Teacher Parent Conference. Besides the usual meetings with their daughters' teachers to find out how they are developing in school, the school also hosted a Parent Seminar and Education Fair concurrently, which included a talk by RGS alumnae Ms Yeo Sha-En, Wellness Director, Yale-NUS College, and information booths by reputable educational institutions such as National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University.

A fruitful partnership: Teachers and parents work hand-in-hand to ensure the well-being and development of our RGS girls.

THE PLACE WE CALL HOME - IN PICTURES

Besides having her photos on display at the exhibition, Year 4 student and RGS Photographic Society member Chang Si Min Pearlyn also had the opportunity to interact with ESM Goh Chok Tong. (Photo credit: SG Heart Map Facebook Page)

Students from the RGS Photographic Society participated in the SG Heart Map HomeScapes Photography Exhibition, which was launched by Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong on 21 June 2015. The exhibition, which showcases photos that tell stories about the meaning of home and community in Singapore, will run until 5 July 2015 at Blk 99 Old Airport Road. For more information, please click [here](#).

OUR RGS STORIES TOLD

The 'My RGS Story' Photo Competition was launched in February this year, where we invited the RGS community to capture and submit images that resonated with them based on the RGS Story, together with a short write-up as inspired by the captured images. As the final entries were narrowed down and votes were cast, the top three winners of the competition were unveiled and they walked away with cash prizes for their efforts! Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who have taken part in the competition. To view all other entries, please visit our website [here](#).



Top 3 photos (left to right): The RGS Softball Team walked away with the top prize of \$300 with their photo of the team's favourite spot in RGS (the school field!). The 2nd and 3rd prize winners are Year 4 students Sophia Kim and Andrea Ong respectively. You can read more about the stories behind their photos [here](#).



PORTRAIT OF A RAFFLESIAN

DOING THE WRITE THING

'*The Rock and the Bird*', a story originally written in 2009, and won First Place, Class A in the 2009 Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition, has gone on to win the biennial Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award 2015. Written by RGS alumna Ms Chew Chia Shao Wei, it tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a timeless rock and a mortal bird, which judges have called a "timeless classic" that cuts across race, religion and culture. We caught up with the third-year undergraduate at Harvard University (she majors in History and Literature), where she talks about her time at RGS and on receiving the award.

Her formative days at RGS

"The learning environment at RGS definitely helped shape and nurture the way I think and write, especially since I was there during some of my most formative years. My teachers also left profound impressions on me, and were essential in contributing to my RGS experience as they were caring, engaged, and committed to drawing out our development as thinkers and people. I always felt that I could turn to one of my teachers with a puzzle, academic or existential that was bothering me and whether or not they knew the answer, they would sit with me, ask me questions and invite my questions. My poor teachers - they really entertained me endlessly! Even though we keep in touch only sporadically (which I still get scolded for sometimes), I am really thankful that they continue to have time for me as I grow far beyond RGS."

The inspiration behind '*The Rock and the Bird*'

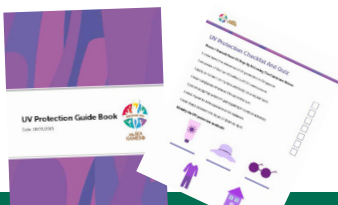
"I was thinking about how much of a difference a friend makes in one's world, about the depth of another person's ability and inability to fulfil needs that we have. I was also thinking about how different the world looks from the sky and from the seashore, how different the world is to one who flies and one who is fixed, and how different the world is to each one of us and at the same time, how much we share."

Receiving the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award

*"I feel very thankful for it - it was a real surprise and also a delight. I am honoured to be a recipient of an award that was named after a remarkable woman who is a champion of libraries and loves literature, and is also a champion of women and their rights. I am also really excited about the award's other winner, '*The Mango Tree*', written by Hidayah Amin and illustrated by Idris Ali, a book that I happened to pick up in an art gallery one day and found arresting."*

IT'S ALL IN THE DNA

RGS is proud to be part of the South East Asian (SEA) Games 2015 Opening Ceremony on 5 June, where our Year 1 and 2 students performed in Act 1 of the show segment 'DNA', which emphasises the uniqueness in every individual, but at the same time, how we are all connected. Fittingly, RGS Year 1 student Koh Ler Ting (Year 1), together with her twin brother from Raffles Institution, were also featured in an article, as the opportunity to be part of the opening ceremony was a case of serendipity for the siblings who are enrolled in different schools. Click [here](#) to read more.



A UV Protection Guide Book was also produced by CmPS Project UVRAYdiant, in collaboration with Sports SG, for distribution at the Games!

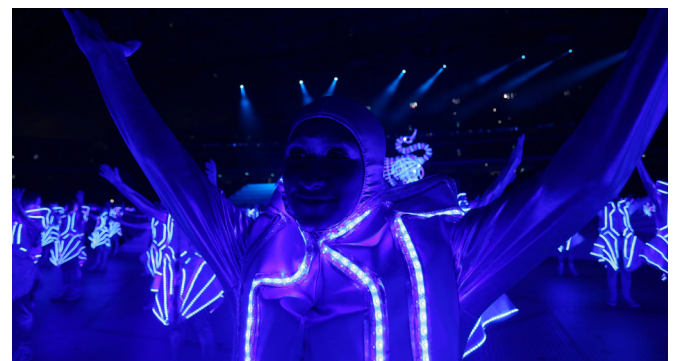


Shao Wei (left) with the illustrator for the book, Ms Angee Neo. (Photo courtesy of Epigram Books)



Shao Wei (extreme left) during her time at RGS. She also encourages her juniors to embrace their experiences in RGS and do as much as they can each day to deserve the privilege they have been conferred.

'*The Rock and the Bird*' is available for purchase at all major bookstores. Shao Wei will also be making an author's appearance at Kinokuniya (Ngee Ann City outlet) on Saturday, 15 August, from 4pm - 4.45pm. Click [here](#) to find out more about the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award.



SEA Games 2015 Opening Ceremony: The opening act featured a combination of sound, lights and pyro, encompassing giant puppets and an LED Medallion. Besides students from RGS, the act also saw the participation of students from Methodist Girls' School and Raffles Institution. (Photo credit: Singapore SEA Games Organising Committee/Action Images via Reuters)