THE RAFFLES WAVE

HIGHLIGHTS

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2014 WORLD FINALS

RGS teams have once again done the school proud at this year’s Odyssey of the Mind (OM) World Finals. For the second year running, an RGS team was awarded the Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award for demonstrating outstanding creativity, which saw team members using a simple, ordinary piece of rope to create their props, costumes and sets. The award, named after a water strider insect, promotes and recognises creativity, and is the essence of what embodies the OM programme.

A total of seven RGS teams took part in the competition this year and all were placed in the Top 10, with one team placed first for their creative solution to one of five problems presented to teams.

A competition emphasising creativity and teamwork, OM has grown into one of the largest international creative problem-solving competitions worldwide. This year, it was held at the Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA from 28 to 31 May and saw over 800 teams from around the world compete in the 35th instalment of the competition.
RGS Leadership Boards 2014 - 2015

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Head Prefect  Clara-Ann Cheng Ling
Vice-Head Prefects  Chao Zong-Ying Beatrice
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Vice-Captain  Bazlaa’ Hafizullah Bte J

Waddle
Captain  Esther Koh Siang
Vice-Captain  Ho Li Ting Valerie

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

INTERNATIONAL CLEAN TECH COMPETITION 2014

RGS Year 4 students Goh Shun Yu, Chloe Hing Hui Yen and Balachander Prashanthi came in 3rd for the International Clean Tech Competition 2014, where they designed an external fitted device over exhaust pipes of vehicles to reduce sound and air pollution, which can charge electronic devices as well.

Held in New York, USA, the International Clean Tech Competition is a research and design challenge that encourages scientific understanding of real-world issues and the integration of environmentally responsible energy sources. Each year, the Competition addresses an issue that is grounded in core technological competency areas and focuses on the next great engineering challenge. This year, teams tackled the issue of pollution, where they sought to develop clean energy solutions to help combat it.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2014

GWS teams gave a good showing at the Future Problem Solving Program International Conference (FPSPIC) this year. Here are the results:

1. Community Problem Solving Competition
Middle Division - Project Hearing Your Problem (2nd in Human Services Category)
Noise-Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) is the gradual loss of hearing and results from exposure to loud noises for prolonged periods of time. Increasingly, Singaporean youths experience premature hearing loss caused by leisure-related activities like listening to loud music. However, they remain oblivious, due to the lack of emphasis on auditory care. Hence, the project aims to promote greater pro-activeness among youths to take responsibility for their hearing through raising awareness and education, by collaborating with organisations like the Ministry of Education and Health Promotion Board to decrease the number of youths suffering from NIHL.

2. Global Issues Problem Solving Team (Topic: Space)
Middle Division (9th)

Held at the Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA from 12 to 15 June, the FPSPIC also celebrated 40 years of problem-solving this year.

RGS Year 4 students Joyce Lee, Calista Ng, Megan Goh, Madeleine Ong, Chng Shu Yi, Gladys Lim, Lim Jie En and Li Jia Xin along with teacher-mentor Mrs Lee-Lim Chyn.

Team ABC Pollution Police: (from left) Balachander, Chloe and Shun Yu together with their team leader Ms Foo Ling Ling.
SPORTS FEST 2014

Despite the heavy downpour in the morning, Sports Fest 2014 got off to a rousing start with the mass workout that got everyone up on their feet and moving along to the beat of Katy Perry’s *Roar*. As the day’s sporting events kicked into full gear on the tracks, some non-participants took to the sidelines to cheer their friends on, while others took part in the RGS Sports Fest Challenge that was held concurrently.

Sports Fest 2014 culminated in the Inter-House Cheer cum Dance Display Competition, which saw all five Houses’ spectacular display of choreographed and slick dance moves - the result of months of preparation and practice.

The event, held at Toa Payoh Stadium, drew to a close at noon amidst the waves of Raffles cheers and the school song.

In conjunction with the celebration of the school’s 135th Anniversary, RGS will be holding our third Homecoming on Saturday, 2 August 2014, 8am to 12 noon. All RGS alumni are invited to Take A Walk Down Memory Lane and Create Memories together with our current students as part of the event. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and former teachers, and will also be a day of games and performances, food and sale of limited edition RGS 135 memorabilia.

Admission tickets to the Homecoming will be sold at $25 each (redeemable for a limited edition door gift and inclusive of a $10 coupon card to be used on the day of the event only) and all proceeds from Homecoming III will go towards the New Campus Development Fund.

If you would like to sponsor some merchandise, food items or help out at the event, please contact Ms May Kan at 6838 7834 or email maykan@rgs.edu.sg. For more information on Homecoming III and to purchase tickets, please click here.