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A Wonderful Celebration Speech Day 2018



The evening of the 16th November marked the celebration of Speech Day 2018. In the DGS auditorium, applause and warmth filled this joyous evening to recognize students for their outstanding achievements thanks to the DGS education. Graduates, parents, students, and distinguished guests all came together to share their appreciation of the prize recipients' commitment to excellence. It was also a time of thanksgiving and reflection to praise God for showering DGS with blessings in His grace.

The ceremony began with our Headmistress Mrs. Lau sharing with us the numerous achievements of our students in the academic year 2017-

2018. She outlined the school's major programmes and new policies which nurtured our students to become women of excellence. She also highlighted the outstanding performance of DGS girls in sports, music, and community service, once again reminding us to embrace the mindset and school motto of "daily giving service" and adapt to the evolution of innovation and technology. Mrs. Lau then took this opportunity to share her views on "design thinking", an emerging method for creative problem-solving. She urged students to embrace this new approach which requires an empathic understanding of the complex problem we are to solve, reframing it in human-centric ways, and adopting a proactive, hands-on approach in testing our ideas.



We were especially honoured to have Mr. Kevin Yeung Yun-hung, JP, Secretary for Education of The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, join us in our celebration as the guest of honour. In his address, he encouraged us to strive to become women of excellence who are willing to serve Hong Kong's society. Using Tu Youyou's inspirational story, he reminded us

of the Chinese scientist's journey of becoming a Nobel laureate, and how we should learn from her. His valuable insights shed light on the persevering nature of the rigorous DGS education - dare to dream, strive to succeed, go for the goal - and further motivated and empowered us to chase after our own dreams. Being an experienced leader in education, Mr. Yeung has given us a comprehensive guide to how we should make the most out of our education and keep the community in mind.

After the final wave of applause congratulated our prize recipients, the Head Girls and Assistant Head Girl gave their Votes of Thanks in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin respectively. Representing the school community, they articulated their heartfelt gratitude to the unfailing support of guests, headmistress, teachers, parents, and peers. The benediction by the Right Reverend Andrew Chan concluded our evening by praying for our Father's guidance along our journey.



Music Beyond Our City

2018 Tours To Tshwane, Taipei, Wuhan & Changsha

In the past months, DGS musicians travelled to four cities to meet other young talents around the world. Not only was it an eye-opening experience, it also echoed our School motto – “Daily Giving Service” – that music is a gift for us to share with the community, bringing joy and comfort to our neighbours.

2-10 July 2018 - 10th World Choir Games, Tshwane, South Africa

For a little over a week, over 70 DGS choristers travelled to Tshwane in South Africa to participate in the World Choir Games, the largest international choir competition held biannually around the world. From Friendship Concerts at the Choir Village to masterclasses with world renowned choral directors, it was a wonderful occasion for music-making and cultural exchange. Our girls' choir captured the World Champion title in the category of Youth Choir of Equal Voices, and together with the gentlemen of Diocesan Boys' School, we captured the second Champion title and Gold Medal in the open Mixed Choir competition.



12-17 July 2018 - Orchestra Performance Tour to Taiwan

Soon after returning from the African continent, over 90 Western instrumentalists participated in the School Orchestra Festival held in Keelung over the summer. In its fourth year running, the Festival has seen instrumentalists from Hong Kong, Macau, Guangzhou and Taiwan mature and grow into confident musicians, and ever so willing to share with others their joy of music-making.



This year, we also gave our own concert in Taipei; besides our Concert Band, String and Symphony Orchestras, the performance also featured three concerto competition winners: Canice Chiu (flute), Wong Pui Ying (violin) and Chloe Chung (piano), and also our first Conducting Apprentice, Jocelyn Tsang.

Apart from the rigorous rehearsal schedule, we also found time for sight-seeing, where we lit sky lanterns, went on a bubble tea workshop, and visited the National Centre for Traditional Arts in Yilan.

Music Exchange Concerts in Wuhan (13-15 October) & Changsha (27-29 October)

Into September, the Symphony Orchestra and Senior Choir immediately resumed rehearsals to prepare for their upcoming performances over two weekends in October. Upon invitation by the Economic and Trade Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Wuhan (WHETO) as part of the 2018 cultural activities, over 150 student musicians travelled to Wuhan and Changsha via High Speed Rail to perform in two exchange concerts with local schools. Although there was very limited time to prepare two lengthy performances, our girls showed grit and dedication, and displayed a high degree of discipline and professionalism. On October 14th, the DGS Symphony Orchestra performed with the Wuhan Dongfang Shaonian Orchestra, the latter comprising students from the Wuhan Conservatory of Music; whilst on October 28th, the Senior Choir performed with the Changsha Changjun Middle School students. It was an enormous feat having to prepare such lengthy programmes in such a short time, but our instrumentalists and choristers managed to wow audiences in both cities.



Here's to the Next 31 Years!

Inter-school Division One Swimming Championships

After hours of intense competition at the Kowloon Park Swimming Pool, our swimming team once again clinched the Inter-school Division I overall championships for the 31st consecutive year. Thanks to great teamwork, we ended the 2018 championships with another Grand Slam victory.

We are thrilled that DGS has set 5 records, including 4 individual records and 1 relay record. Ho Nam Wai set a new record for the A grade 200m freestyle, and Wong Ze Ting set a new record for the B grade 50m freestyle. Lau Ping Yi Audrey and Lam Hoi Kiu rewrote the record book for C grade and B grade 200m Individual Medley respectively. In C grade, the relay team comprising of Fung Suet Ying Chloe, Ho Wan Yui, Lau Ping Yi Audrey and Tse On Ching set a record in the 4x50m Medley relay.

The inter-school swimming competition was an opportunity for our swimmers to strive for their personal best times. It was the stage for us to shine on and receive recognition. More importantly, it motivated us to persist in following our dreams. The journey is not easy, but it is definitely worthwhile.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our supportive old girls, parents, the enthusiastic school cheering team as well as the teachers-in-charge, Mrs P Hui, Mrs V Ma, Mr HY Li, Mr KC Lo and Mr J Tam. Special thanks must be given to Mrs Hui, who will be retiring this year after serving the school wholeheartedly for 41 years. Her overwhelming love and care for all of us will forever remain in our hearts. Lastly, we would like to thank Mrs Lau for her unwavering guidance and support all these years.

Our success came about as a result of countless hours of dedication by our swimmers as well as the tremendous support given by the DGS family. We are incredibly grateful for our achievements and blessings. We will continue to strive for excellence in the years to come. Even as the tides ebb and flow, and seasons come and go, the DGS legacy will continue to prosper and grow in the hearts of every Diocesan.



DGS' First Overall Championship title was crowned at the old Victoria Park Swimming Pool in October 1984.



Over 3 decades of success... under the stewardship of Mrs Paulina Hui & her team of old girl coaches.



All I want for Christmas is...

Mini Bazaar 2018

This year's annual Mini Bazaar was successfully held on 19 December, 2018. On this joyous occasion, senior and junior school students, parents, teachers, and alumnae came together as one family to celebrate the jubilant event.

We were very delighted to have invited Mrs Paulina Hui, who will be retiring this year after her 41 years of dedicated service to the DGS community, as the guest of honour at the Opening Ceremony. Mrs Hui has always been a key figure in organising our annual Mini Bazaar, and she will surely be missed by all of us.

The Mini Bazaar this year was comprised of 27 sales stalls and 15 games stalls, designed and run by our students. There were also special booths set up by the DOGA, the PTA, and teachers from DGS. Several charities joined us in spreading love and warmth to those in

need as well. This year, we are very glad to have had St. Andrew's Church, the Lutheran Church, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Patient Resource Centre, The Fu Hong Society and New Sight Congo set up stalls and sell charitable products to raise money for the needy. All proceeds raised from this year's Mini Bazaar will go to various charitable organisations suggested by our students, as we share the Christmas spirit of giving and joy with others.

The overarching theme for our Mini Bazaar this year was the Greater Bay Area. Many of the products sold incorporated designs echoing the theme while showcasing the creativity of our students, and they were extremely popular. For instance, stationery items such as folders and note paper sold were adorned with stylistic sketches of Greater Bay Area landmarks. A total of 15 game stalls were set up by junior form students, which included a variety of games, ranging from solving mysteries to obstacle races. Students enthusiastically played the games to collect stamps, and the excitement of filling up the stamp sheets had never faded throughout the Mini Bazaar. Our mascot this year was Ollie the Owl, which also served as one of the extra-large prizes.



Its fluffiness and adorable features had made students and parents so eager to bring Ollie home. Two bouncy castles, a song dedication booth and a balloon man also provided a variety of exciting entertainment for the day.

With the ongoing construction work on school grounds for the new boarding facilities, this posed some challenges for us in our preparation for this year's Mini Bazaar. However, we were still able to run the Mini Bazaar smoothly. The success greatly owes to the hard work and concerted effort of the Teachers' Committee, the Prefects Board, and the cooperation and support from all teachers and students. Thank you all for giving us such wonderful times and memories before Christmas, and see you again at Mini Bazaar 2019!



With Heartfelt Condolences

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Mrs Elizabeth Lo, our former PTA Chairperson (1979 to 1982) and Member of the School Council (1982 to 2011). The School shares in the grief of her family and friends. She is fondly remembered and sadly missed.

With Deepest Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Mrs Anita Yau, our former teacher who taught Mathematics, Nature Studies, Art and Biology at DGJS and DGS (1951 to 1987). The School shares in the grief of her family and friends. She is fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Life Education Programme



Role-playing a bullying scene

At DGJS we believe that educating the heart is as important as educating the mind. As part of the newly launched Life Education Programme developed by a team of dedicated teachers as well as Dr Sharon and Mrs Williams, our girls engaged in some very exciting events and activities in the month of October, learning about different ways to build a supportive school community.

A key topic that was presented to the girls this month was anti-bullying. It was the perfect time to introduce this topic as October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Every October, schools and organizations from different parts of the world carry out activities to educate children and raise their awareness on the topic. In our school, Mrs Williams hosted two sharing sessions during assembly to talk about anti-bullying.



Mrs. William's Assembly Sharing



The first sharing kicked off with a role-play by four students who acted out a bullying scene at school. Many of the girls felt sorry for the girl who was being bullied. At the same time, they understood that they should not be a bystander in times of bullying.

The girls were then introduced to the definition of bullying, which involves 3 elements, namely, an imbalance of power, an intention to cause harm and repeated occurrences over time. Different scenarios were then presented to the girls and they were asked to identify whether those scenes involve bullying. At the end of the sessions, the girls understood the harm of bullying and discussed ways to tackle it. Furthermore, they made a pledge together, promising that they would stand up against bullying.

Primary 1 and Primary 6 students, who are the first batch to experience the Life Education Programme, were also given opportunities throughout the month to get to know each other better and form special bonds. During the 'buddy reading' sessions, the big sisters took hold of their little sister's hands and went down to the library, where they got to share a good book together and engaged themselves in interesting conversations. During their class periods, the Primary 6 students were given opportunities to create their own board games which they would play together with their little sisters later on. When designing their own board games, the Primary 6 students not only had to be strategic about how the game would work, but also think about ways to appeal to the young ones. Their hard work paid off when they saw their little sisters enjoy the products of their creativity and they all had a great time playing the games together.



The mural consisting of more than 800 messages written by our girls!

One of the highlights of the month was when the whole school was involved in creating a collaborative artwork during the Common Test Days. Each and every student from Primary 1 to 6 reflected on what makes DGJS a happy, safe learning environment and wrote their thoughts on some colourful post-it notes. These notes were then collaged together to create a mural, which is now on display in the PTA Room.

Through engaging in exciting, hands-on projects and activities such as these, we



Music is in the Air

Instrumental Demonstration in September

A Turkish musician Ahmet Say once wrote that “It is an evident fact that 95% of human beings have inherent musical taste. It depends on us to make our lives happier, more enjoyable and better by awakening such taste and walk the right path.” This precisely explains the whole purpose of organizing the instrumental demonstration workshop every year in September for both our students and parents. Stimulating the musical sense in each student and guiding her in finding an instrument that matches her interest are the School’s endeavours each year. During the two-hour workshop on 12th September 2018, conductors, instrumental tutors and their students alike gathered on stage to play their favourite instruments zealously, demonstrating their passion for music. This year’s workshop was especially awe-inspiring with performances by the newly-established Chinese music ensemble. The performers’ love of music was expressed and successfully captured the hearts of the students, who themselves will soon embark on the journey of music. Special thanks go to the conductors and tutors without whom this event would not have been possible.



Concert Performances

“If music be the food of love, play on, . . .” is a frequently quoted expression from *Twelfth Night*, a play written by the British playwright William Shakespeare who believes that the power of music can infuse people with love. At DGJS, not only do our musicians enjoy making music, they love igniting the flames of love in the community with their musical talents.

Fundraising Concert for the Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship

On 20th October 2018, our String Orchestra was invited to take part in the *Enlighten Fundraising Concert* organized by the Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship, a Christian organization, to raise funds for the underprivileged. As an overture to the event, the orchestra played two pieces of music, *Concerto for 2 Violins in D Minor* and the very popular Cantonese song 獅子山下. The latter must have touched the hearts of the audience and evoked nostalgic memories of the past Hong Kong. We call Hong Kong our home, so let the music play on and let love penetrate us fully to help those in need.



City Hall Community Concert (美樂管弦之夜)

On 7th November 2018, the DGJS Wind Band and Senior Percussion Band were honoured to be part of the Instrumental Community Concert (美樂管弦之夜) organized by Central & Western District Office and Central & Western District Association for Culture and Arts. The bands performed two pieces of music—*Music from Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Suite from Carmen*. Judging from the elated responses of the



First Term Common Test Day Activities

Talk on Pollution and Cross-curricular Art Project



On 30th October 2018, the Primary 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to meet Ms. Mimi Law, the Education Manager of Plastic Free Seas. Ms. Law delivered a talk and shared how the disposal of plastic waste is taking an increasing toll on marine animals and affecting the food chain. During the talk, students learnt how they could contribute to tackling and slowing down this environmental problem, which include using reusable cutlery and containers as a habit and raising awareness by educating those around us. After the talk, the Primary 4 to 6 students had a fun time turning plastic waste into artworks. With the use of old plastic folders, students collaborated with one another and made some handmade Christmas wreaths to beautify the campus.



Lego City



Our Primary 2 girls had a fruitful afternoon on 2nd November 2018. Students were given Lego bricks to design and construct devices in rescuing animals from the Ice Age period. They were asked to take up challenges which required them to think outside the box, such as constructing a shipping container to transport an injured saber-toothed tiger to an animal hospital or a vehicle that can free a mammoth from being trapped in glacial ice. This learning experience enabled our students to build creatively and develop problem-solving skills through trial and error.



Fanling Environmental Resource Centre

Our Primary 3 girls took turns to go on an educational visit to the Fanling Environmental Resource Centre on 22nd and 25th October 2018. Through a special guided tour and interactive exhibitions, they learnt about plastic pollution and its impact on our living environment and other wildlife. The students also benefitted from learning how to reduce plastic waste in their everyday life by practising the different 3 Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle.

Primary 5 English Writing Workshop

“I was woken from my blissful sleep by a loud ‘clang’. The shop keeper had accidentally knocked me over the shelf and I had a little dent on top of my forehead... From that day onwards, I’ve been sitting in the dark, cold, stiff corner of the shelf admiring my other friends taken to the counter and leave the shop happily with their new owner.” This is an excerpt written by a group of Primary 5 girls who learnt how to tell a story from different point of views – in this case, from the perspective of a chipped teacup in a kitchenware shop. At a workshop held on 25th October 2018, the Primary 5 girls honed their writing skills through stimulating activities which included a guessing game, class discussions and collaborative writing tasks. The classrooms were filled



Home for the 100th Sheep

In May 2018, the school hosted a charity drive for an organisation in the Philippines that serves underprivileged children in the area. The organisation is called *Home for the 100th Sheep* and was founded in 2002 by Kaloi and Edna Ranario. Earlier in the school year, Edna gave a sharing during assembly, which allowed our girls to witness some of the good works that educators, like Edna, do for the children who are living in poverty.

The girls were asked to bring items to school to donate to the home during four specified days. Items were categorised into four main groups – clothes, toys, kitchen supplies, and school supplies. Before school and during certain break times, volunteers recruited from primary levels assisted with the collection of donations. This included moving each item from the collection point to the Project Rooms inside the library until the time came to pack them into shipping boxes.

During the packing of the items for shipping, many girls and their parents came in after school to help sort the items and put them into huge boxes. The collaborative effort from all put smiles on the faces of those in need and those willing to give to those in need.



Old Girls Assembly Sharing Series



Mrs. Julianna Young, a graduate of Diocesan Girls' School, a mother of three young children and a devoted Christian, has kindly joined the Junior School in a few sessions of morning assembly this year. An energetic, dynamic speaker, Mrs. Young's talks are always something students and teachers look forward to. Her messages about God are humorous, simple and insightful. She reminds us that we are 'beings and not doings' – God loves us because we are beings that he created with love and not because of all our worldly achievements. God doesn't want us to be under so much stress and pressure; instead, He wants us to have fun doing the things we love.

Mrs. Young also teaches us the importance of having a relationship with God, just like how we cherish our relationships with our families and friends by talking to them and spending time with them. When we quiet our hearts and open our eyes, we can see God reaching out to us in the most unexpected places. It could be in a dream, a picture, a street sign or anywhere. We too can cultivate a close relationship with God by praying to Him, singing songs of praise to Him, going to church to worship Him or taking a stroll along quaint streets with Him.



The PTA Annual General Meeting



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Mrs Frances Ho
Mrs Hynn Ming Yeh
Mrs Ada Yip

21st September 2018 marked an eventful evening as the DGS Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held its 67th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Auditorium. Before the start of the AGM, the DGS Symphony Orchestra, the DGJS Intermediate Choir and the DGJS String Orchestra enchanted the audience with their remarkable performance and angelic voices.

The formal proceedings then began with Mr. William Lee, the Honorary Treasurer, reporting on the accounts, followed by a report by our PTA Chairperson, Mrs. Sherlynn Chan Wong. Mrs. Wong's report focused on the initiatives undertaken by the PTA in the past year ranging from seminars and breakfast meetings for parents, author talks and educational outings for the primary girls, as well as sponsoring parent-teacher gatherings held by both the Senior School and the Junior School. These activities aim to foster close communications between the home community and the school.



Mrs. Lau extended her sincere appreciation to the parents for their support given to the school. She then addressed the audience with the academic achievement of the 2018 HKDSE, the GCE-A level results and local and overseas university programmes offered to our students. In the new academic year, the Senior School shall commence a music conducting course to complement our music excellency. Going forward, the School shall also actively involve students in the Greater Bay area development with the aim to nourish global citizens. Lastly, Mrs. Lau anticipated the launch of our new boarding house facilities in the summer of 2019 which could accommodate more than 60 students.

Thereafter, Mrs. Lee extended a warm welcome to all parents and teachers. After showing a video recapping the rewarding and fruitful school life of our girls, she then gave a brief report of all the works accomplished by the Junior School last school year. Looking forward, Mrs. Lee wished to define a culture of love and acceptance within the school community, aspiring our girls to strive equally well as leaders and team players. The Junior School pledges to stimulate interest in STEM education, refines different subject curriculums and revamps the life education programme.



Seminars and Workshops

How to Help Children Develop Healthy Boundaries in Friendship: Dr Hong Kwai-wah

More than 200 parents attended the talk by Dr. Hong Kwai-wah on 19th October 2018. Dr. Hong shared with parents on how to establish healthy boundaries in friendship. Setting healthy boundaries teaches our children how to protect themselves both physically and emotionally.



An Author Talk by David Schwartz: Numbers, Numbers Everywhere!

On 8th October 2018, US-based children's book author, David Schwartz, visited our school. David's lifelong passion in mathematics and nature is reflected in his best-selling books "How Much is a Million?" and "If you Hopped Like A Frog". David shared creative ways to think about

gigantic numbers such as a million, billion and trillion. These numbers no longer seemed intimidating when we had a more relatable perspective of their scale. He used fun and engaging examples to simplify the concept of a million. In the end, our girls and their parents were in for a surprise when David brought on stage a gigantic bag of popcorn for the grand finale!



作家分享 — 孫慧玲老師的兩場分享會：「聽聽作家說故事」，「作家寫故事背後的故事」

我校於 2018 年 10 月 30 日，邀請了本港知名兒童文學作家孫慧玲老師到校分享。孫老師為不同年級的同學舉辦了兩場講座，講題分別是小一至小三的「聽聽作家說故事」及小四至小六的「作家寫故事背後的故事」。在低年級的場次，孫老師以生動的演繹方式，講述了她其中一本作品的故事，故事內容教導小朋友待人接物應有的態度，非常適合初小學生閱讀。同學們樂於舉手分享自己的生活經驗，並勇於猜想故事情節，反應非常熱烈。至於高年級的場次，孫老師分享了自己成為作家的歷程，過程中幾經磨練，老師都一一克服，終於成為本港知名的兒童文學作家。孫老師鼓勵同學們宜多背誦優美的文字，以累積寫作材料，而且平日也可用不同的方式練習寫作，例如寫家庭日記，務求把握每一個寫作機會。

孫老師的講座內容豐富，一眾師生及家長用心聆聽，可謂獲益良多。講座結束後，孫老師更為同學進行簽書活動，同學們都非常踴躍，場面十分熱鬧。



Our Pack B Brownies

Have you ever thought that the Brownies' uniforms look quite smart? Have you ever wondered what our Brownies do in their weekly meetings? Do you know that we have five dedicated parents, who are qualified guides themselves, leading our Pack B Brownies?

We have a total of twelve Tweenies (new Brownies) from Primary 3 to Primary 5 joining our Pack B Brownies this year. We started our weekly meeting since the third week of September 2018. Each week, we conduct different activities according to the different themes of the "Brownies Eight Points":

- Brownies are friendly.
- Brownies lend a hand.
- Brownies do their best.
- Brownies keep fit.
- Brownies make things.
- Brownies are wide awake.
- Brownies help at home.
- Brownies enjoy the out of doors.



Since inception this year, our busy brownies have learnt how to do proper table settings and how to use towels to fold animals as gifts or table decorations – *Brownies help at home*. To echo the theme of *Brownies keep fit*, our active brownies picked their favourite pop songs and lined up a dance of their own. On top of all the fun, our Brownies were made aware of current affairs such as poverty and natural disasters etc. They pondered on these topics via group discussions and role plays to ensure that *Brownies are wide awake*.

On the 15th December 2018, the Brownies had their outing at the Hong Kong Disneyland. They participated in the Disney Youth Programme of "Synergy in Science". Our Brownies gained an understanding of how the synergy of the 4 elements — cooperation, computer, imagination and technology — can create different show effects and game ideas around the park. They did experiments and learned about the production of 3D images.



PTA Educational Visits

On 14th December 2018, P2-6 girls went on their long-awaited outings after the mid-term exams.

Over 700 students supervised by 100 caring parents participated in outings to Zen Organic Farm (P2), Tree Top Cottage (P3), HKFYG Organic Farm (P4), HK Science Park (P5) and Steam VR Experience Centre (P6). A novelty to this year's outing is the addition of two new sites – Tree Top Cottage and Steam VR Experience Centre – special thanks goes to all the parents for scouting the new sites and planning the outings months ahead.



P2 Zen Organic Farm



P3 Tree Top Cottage



P4 HKFYG Organic Farm



P5 HK Science Park



P6 Steam VR Experience Centre



Come Join Us

This school year, we continue to have Dr Lawrence Cheng to be the mentor on our parenting journey. Our breakfast meetings this year embark on the theme of "Mentoring and Parenting", setting up a forum for parents to explore issues related to raising daughters in the 21st century. We will also have a monthly joint section for dads and mums to come together to explore marital communications that may impact our children.

Let's not forget our Christian Mothers' Bible Study Group which continues to find biblical support and enhances God-centered relationships within the DGS and DGJS community.

Upcoming gatherings in January to March 2019

Jan 15th, 29th; Feb 26th; Mar 12th, 19th, 26th	Mothers' Breakfast Gathering
Jan 16th, 30th; Feb 27th; Mar 13th, 20th, 27th	Fathers' Breakfast Gathering
Jan 8th; Feb 19th; Mar 5th	Joint Breakfast Meetings for both Mothers and Fathers

Class of 1968 Celebrates Golden Jubilee !!!

This year marked our class of 1968's 50th graduation anniversary. Our action-packed celebration programme ran for an entire week in October 2018. We were particularly happy to welcome several classmates who trekked all the way from Australia and North America. Kicking off our celebration was a visit to our alma mater, DGS, which brought back so many fond memories of our growing-up

years. Our reunion dinner was made all the more memorable with our beloved teachers as guests of honour: Mrs Elim Lau, Mrs Eva Fu Lee, Ms Teresa Kan, Mrs Greta Ma Lam, Mrs Juliette Mok Chiu, Mrs Ng Tang and Mr Mark Williams. Other activities included fun at the Ocean Park, private boat tour of the UNESCO Global Geopark site, delicious seafood dinner in Sai Kung and tour of the serene Tsz Shan Monastery. On the final evening, we attended the DOGA Annual Dinner where the ambience of the DGS spirit concluded our celebration week on a high note. This golden jubilee celebration was indeed an event for us to remember for a long time as we have reconnected and grown closer to each other, our teachers and our alma mater.



Class of 1968 in 1968



Tsz Shan Monastery Visit



Golden Jubilee Reunion Dinner



School Visit

20th Reunion for the Class of 1998

The Class of 1998 celebrated our 20th Anniversary on 29th June 2018 at the Royal Garden Hotel. The dinner was a most anticipated event attended by 120 participants, including over 30 junior school and senior school teachers. The dress code was DGS blue. Listening to the heart-warming speeches by our beloved Headmistresses, Mrs. Elim Lau and Mrs. Stella Lau, it felt just like yesterday that we were all sitting in the school hall for morning assembly. Winnie Fung, our Head Girl, gave an inspirational speech and encouraged us to appreciate the more important things in life that would never change. The hilarious masters of ceremony, Jolie Chao and Diana Chu, took us down memory lane with their clever games. What a surprise when Ms Rebecca Yip, our Headmistress of DGJS, spoke to us via video recording! The evening was beyond memorable. We had wonderful memories growing up together in the DGS family and we are proud to be part of it. We look forward to many more anniversary celebrations to come.



Our Headmistresses and teachers in DGS



Diocesan Graduate Singers Annual Concert

The Diocesan Graduate Singers took the stage at the Chai Wan Y Theatre on 17th November 2018 to perform selections by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Richard Rodgers and Frederick Loewe. To highlight musical excerpts from *Evita*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*, *The King and I*, *Cinderella*, *My Fair Lady* and *The Sound of Music*, the annual concert was named "Musical Musicals" and choreography was added to create exciting stage effect. Guest performers including Collette King, Joanne Tam, Sindy Wan and the Diocesan Girls' Junior School Intermediate Choir led by Mr Kelvin Lau further enchanted an audience of over 600 with another wondrous evening of entertainment.



Ovolo Southside Netfesthk 2018

The Ovolo Southside Netfesthk 2018 was held on 15th September 2018. Despite the games being shortened to eight minutes per game due to the approaching of Typhoon Mangkhut, the DOGA Netball Team fought hard and successfully captured the Champion title for the Cup Division of Ladies Open Category.



DOGA was the champion of the Cup Division



Porcelain Ware Workshop

At the DOGA Art Club porcelain ware workshop on 9th September 2018, alumnae and families had a fabulous time designing porcelain mugs and plates. We cut and soaked decal paper, stuck them on mugs and plates, then added a platinum lining and fired them in an 800-degree kiln with the workshop's help.

DOGA Annual Dinner

"Nostalgic Night" was a fitting theme for the 2018 DOGA Annual Dinner, during which more than 400 old girls from classes spanning over 50 years shared an evening of nostalgia and memories. The dinner was held at City Hall Maxim's Palace for the first time, and the venue was adorned with festive pink cherry blossoms. Many of our old girls dressed up for the occasion, including in elegant cheongsams, bell bottoms, and colourful headbands. Twenty winners were selected in the "best dressed" competition. Congratulations to the Class of 1996 for winning our "best turnout class" award, with 30 members of the class joining the dinner. We would like to extend our gratitude to the sponsors of the 120 lucky draw prizes and six table prizes. We hope that many old girls will join this fun-filled annual event again next year.



Best Dressed Competition Winners



Best Turnout Class 1996



Annual Dinner Organising Committee



Lucky Draw 1st Prize Winner



Membership Sub-committee Events

To connect with our young members and support them in their pursuits, the Membership Sub-committee held four university and professional interest group gatherings in the second half of 2018. The gatherings, including one for all S6 students entering university in 2018, two for those from HKU and UST respectively, and one for alumnae in the legal field, brought together old girls for networking and experience sharing. Over 110 alumnae, spanning across Class of 1976 to 2018, participated in these events.



HKU Gathering



S6 Gathering



UST Gathering



Legal Group Gathering

Mini Bazaar 2018

The annual DGS Mini Bazaar was held on 19th December 2018. Thanks to the School and the Headmistresses for allocating two prominent locations in both the Junior and Senior Schools to DOGA for selling souvenirs. Popular items such as the sports towel and bag, together with new souvenir products including a rhinestone Octopus card, a two-tone all-purpose pouch and an umbrella were all well received.



Thank you DOGA stall volunteers!

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



On 16th December 2018, the Diocesan Graduate Singers were blessed to be part of the All Saints' Cathedral – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, to share through music the wonderful story of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. 20 choir members performed a number of melodious pieces under candle-light, including "Angel's Carol" and "Simply Alleluia."

Congratulations

DOGA is happy to announce that Sarah Tsoi has been awarded the Dr CJ Symons Scholarship for 2018. The scholarship, which amounts to HK\$160,000 will go towards her study in Law at King's College London, University of London. Congratulations and we wish Sarah every success in her future endeavours.



Upcoming Events



January	Mentoring Programme Kick-off (Jan 12); Art Club CNY Event (Jan 19); DOGA Netball League 2019 (2nd half season starts)
February	Community Service visit to Lok Sin Tong (Feb 23)
March	Inter-house Netball Tournament (March 9); Kee Wah Baking Workshop (March 16); Introduction of DOGA to S6 Graduates; Inter-house Basketball Competition;
May	Art Club Mother's & Father's Day Event (May 4); DOGA Netball Team in Festival of Sports; Social Sub-committee Event
June	Dr Symons Scholarship Selection (June 15); DOGA AGM (June 15); Art Club Summer Event (June 29); DGS University Fair (June 29); Visit to S6 Graduation Dinner; Community Chest Dumplings Making
July	Support of S5 Job Shadowing Programme

Details of the events will be updated periodically. Please visit www.doga.org.hk to obtain the latest information.

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Joining DOGA:

Any old girl of DGS or DGJS (whether resident or abroad) who has completed at least one academic year at DGS or DGJS is eligible to apply for membership of DOGA Ltd. Details of the application can be found at www.doga.org.hk

Class Reunion Gathering:

Alumnae who are interested in organising their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact DOGA office for further information.