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Mascots

Enter the DGS Metaverse



The DGS Metaverse

Fröhliche Weihnachten! This year's Mini Bazaar was held on a chilly 20 December morning. This highly anticipated occasion had scaled up into a total of 37 sale stalls, 18 game stalls, and even a bouncy castle!

The day started with the Opening Ceremony, where our former head girls introduced the DGS Metaverse. This platform was designed by technology-related clubs and teams, offering a virtual experience of attending the Mini Bazaar at a virtual DGS Christmas Market, where visitors can browse and purchase products exclusively designed by our talented students.

The Under Secretary for Education, Mr. Jeff Sze Chun Fai JP, graced the occasion by joining the headmistresses of Senior School and Junior School, and representatives of our School Council, for the ribbon cutting. The school was filled with a joyous atmosphere: parents were prepared to shop enthusiastically for products, while children queued up for fun game stalls. What a joy to see everyone's hard work – teachers, parents and students alike – coming to fruition!

We were pleased that the DGS Metaverse not only doubled the fun of our traditional



The Under Secretary for Education at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Mini Bazaar

Christmas celebrations, but also made the occasion more inclusive by offering the housebound or those living abroad an opportunity to play and shop remotely.

More meaningfully, this pioneering project offered our students hands-on entrepreneurial training and lessons on how to set up a digital economy. They also learnt about the creative industry firsthand when creating a virtual world from scratch, on top of designing products to market and drafting the promotional catalogue. This is but one more example of how our Technology School has been making inroads, and transforming students into web designers and entrepreneurs.



I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Becoming Athletes



The BOCHK Bauhinia Bowl Awardees of DGS

Our Sports School has been rising from triumph to triumph. This was evident in the number of DGS recipients at the BOCHK Bauhinia Bowl Awards Presentation Ceremony on 6 July 2023. In addition to acknowledging the Headmistress for her dedication to the promotion of sports in schools in Hong Kong, our contingent of athletes were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in their respective individual and team sports.

We were also honoured to be the hosting school for the ceremony, at which our Head Girls served as emcees, earning much praise from the organizers, for their bilingual proficiency, quick thinking and professional attitude.

Our elite swimmers held on to their lead, achieving a grand slam again and breaking two records at the annual interschool championships this year. They were declared overall champion swimmers for the 35th consecutive year.

On 29 November 2023, our Cross Country Team gamely assembled at Tai Tong Country Park to defend their overall champion title in the annual interschool competition. Satisfied that they were declared number 1 again, they hit the books to prepare for the mid-year examinations a day away.



Headmistress receiving a bouquet for her contributions to promoting sports in HK schools



Team HK (Tennis) at the 1st Youth Games of the PRC



Fencing triumphs

Long before the Tokyo Olympics made fencing popular in Hong Kong, our fencers have been attaining fantastic results. They were named champions for the 18th successive year at the interschool competition on 22 October at the Hong Kong Park Sports Centre.

Since the lifting of travel restrictions after the pandemic our tennis aces have been playing abroad more and more. A new adventure this year was to represent Hong Kong at the First Youth Games of the People's Republic of China.

Our Basketball Team and Rugby Team showed grit in the face of challenges. Hot on the heels of the Handball Team who qualified for the final for the first time last March, our basketballers achieved a breakthrough on 24 November when they were first runner-up in the A grade (Kowloon) Division 1 final for the first time in 17 years. Likewise, our Rugby Team were not daunted by more experienced opponents.



Cross-country champions



Basketball: true grit

S4 China Programmes

Ahead of the curve, our school forged ties with sister schools in many parts of China long before the government's call for exchanges with the mainland. Now that travel restrictions necessitated by the pandemic were removed, our Secondary 4 cohort resumed our extensive exchange programmes.

Starting from 30 October to 3 November, six groups, chaperoned by Chinese Language, Chinese History and Geography teachers, left to learn with their counterparts at the Affiliated High School of Peking University,



Beida - a happy family

Hangzhou Foreign Languages School, Shanghai Soong Ching Ling School, Zhenjiang Chongshi Girls' High School, Zhixin High School, and the Zhuhai No.1 High School. A seventh group set out to visit the Shanghai No.3 Girls' High School for a week from 1 November, and the last group completed their week long exchange at the Tsinghua University High School in the capital on 17 November.

Apart from academic learning, they undertook sightseeing tours of historic landmarks like Qiangdeng Ancient Town, the Great Wall of China and The Palace Museum.

Students were enriched with hands-on experiences in clay modelling, brush painting, fan making, paper-cutting, Chinese tea etiquette, calisthenics exercises, and even a volleyball game. Some watched a performance of Suzhou Pingtan while others frolicked on snow covered slopes.

Participants fondly remembered the scrumptious meals they shared, the friends they met, and appreciated their Chinese heritage even more.



Shanghai - just perfect



Beida - on top of the world

Guangzhou - new buddies

Guangzhou - artisans in the making

Zhuhai - technophiles

Tsinghua - a golden grove

S5 Citizenship and Social Development Mainland Study Tour

As dawn broke on 15 November, Secondary 5 HKDSE students headed for the West Kowloon Station to board the High Speed Rail for Guangzhou. The specially designed excursion by the EDB would take them on a study trip to one of the cities on the Belt and Road Initiative.

Accompanied by a dozen teachers including the Headmistress and a Deputy Head, the group enjoyed rare privileges most tourists do not get to experience. They had an adrenaline rush as they took part in a simulation exercise in an overturning car to learn about the importance of seat belts, tried abseiling out of a window in an emergency, and followed evacuation procedures in an earthquake.

On a lighter note, they had fun trying their hands at traditional dye printing and tea making. In the traditional Chinese medicine lesson, they learnt to identify herbs. It was a fulfilling and fun-filled day for all.



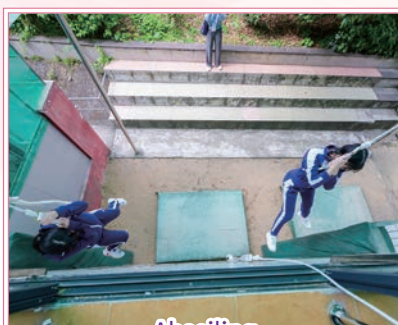
Thumbs up, everyone!



The art of tea



Studying tea



Abseiling



Safety first simulation

Speech Day 2024



Headmistress with prize recipients



President Ip, first female president of a publicly-funded university in Hong Kong

The DGS campus was draped in rosy pink, welcoming distinguished guests, members of the school council, parents, teachers, and fellow Diocesans to commemorate not only the accomplishments of the graduating Class of 2023, but also the fruition of our girls' hard work on the annual Speech Day, held on the evening of 5 January this year.

The ceremony commenced with a prayer by the Most Reverend Andrew Chan, followed by Headmistress, Mrs. Stella Lau's annual report in which she expressed her commendations towards the Graduating Class' achievements. Mrs. Lau reminded students of the importance of living a life of compassion, integrity and discernment in the light of exciting developments like ChatGPT that may be a tool as well as a temptation.

This year we were graced with the presence of our guest-of-honor, Professor Nancy Y. Ip, President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology who gave an inspiring speech about her pursuit in areas of STEM. Through the story of following her dreams to build a career in neuroscience, she encouraged our students to chase their dreams, have the courage to seize opportunities and never give up.

Our Supervisor, Ms Benita Yu, the Most Reverend Andrew Chan, and President Nancy Ip presented numerous awards and scholarships to prize recipients in different academic and non-academic categories.

After the prize presentation, our Head Girls delivered their votes of thanks in English, Cantonese and Putonghua, moving the audience with their collective memories as a Diocesan, as well as giving their sincere thanks to Headmistresses, teachers, parents and friends on behalf of the graduates.



School Council with President Ip



Kudos to the Class of 2023

The days of old have dowered us.....to serve the coming days

In an interview, Headmistress Mrs. Stella Lau referred to the five colourful butterflies in the banner on our façade to illustrate her expectation of every Diocesan girl. Painted in the colours of our five Houses, the butterflies open their wings as they emerge from chrysalises, ready not only to pollinate the surrounding flora in daily giving service, but also to beautify life itself.

Building on our strong English foundation, the DGS Education is a life-changing experience that holistically nurtures each of us in an environment conducive for endeavour, innovation and collaboration, so that we can make a difference in the world.

With the blessings we have received at school, such as the spiritual nurturing, the skills, the opportunities, and the bonds we have formed, we are empowered to share our endowments with others to make the world a more beautiful place for all. Like the butterfly effect, the Diocesan spirit can spread and benefit even more people.



Passing with flying colours

Hong Kong Bar Association Debating Competition 2023

Building on the legacy of our alumnae, both our Chinese and English Debating Teams emerged as winners in the Hong Kong Bar Association Debating Competition 2023 last July. The DGS Chinese debaters were champions and the DGS English debaters were first runners-up.



English finalists



Chinese champions

Careers Fair 2023

Through its 164 years of history, our school has been a place of transformations and a space for aspirations. Since its founding in 1860, the campus has undergone important upgrading to provide students with the best amenities and opportunities for learning. This "brave venture" of the wife of the first Bishop of Victoria and South China has today become a leading school in China and the Asia-Pacific region whose graduates contribute proactively in the international and domestic spheres.

Our alumnae's sense of belonging to the school has always been a priceless asset; at the Careers Fair 2023, many returned enthusiastically to share invaluable experiences with current students across different levels so that they may also pass with flying colours in their studies, future career and in life.



Perks of the
Hong Kong Police



Careers Fair 2023



Alumnae



Media and Law



Engineering

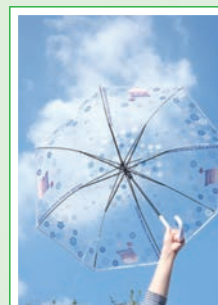
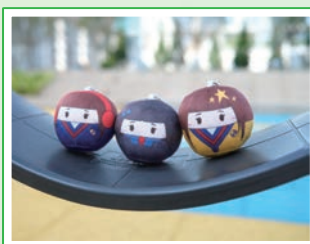
A Christmas Journey



After three months of preparation, the whole DGJS community came together for A Christmas Journey on 16th and 17th December 2023, a delightful musical performance that intertwined the narratives of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and the melodious score from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker".



At the entrance of Symons Place, a wide range of stylish merchandise specially designed to match the magical and festive theme of the musical production was put on display for the audience to purchase as keepsakes.



The Auditorium was packed with parents, alumnae and friends of the school as the Symphony Orchestra's music and the School Choirs' angelic voices brought the audience into the world of Marie, the protagonist of the story – a reserved new girl at school. Marie crosses paths with Clara, who guides her on a magical journey through different phases of her life. Throughout the one-hour performance, the audience was mesmerized by the graceful movements of the dancers and the skilled routines showcased by the sports performers.



As the show drew to a close, the Junior School Headmistress thanked the production team and parent helpers who contributed behind the scenes, as well as the support from the School Council, DOGA and the Senior School. The afternoon concluded with the performers and audience joyously singing Christmas carols together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Coding for Community (C4C) for Primary 6 Girls

The new app coding course covers computational thinking, design thinking, coding skills, and the development of a mobile application to solve community issues. About 40 parent mentors joined the Mentor Training Workshop to equip themselves to support our talented young innovators in the four Student Mentoring Sessions: Design Thinking, Community Exploration, Feedback and Prototyping and Showcase.



Parent mentors guided and supported our students to experience the process of prototyping and gave feedback on students' app design.



Final showcase: the students present their apps to parents and Primary 1 students.



Community Exploration: Parent mentors accompanied our students around the neighbourhood in the Yau Tsim Mong District to help them understand the needs of the community and draw inspiration for their mobile app design.



Community Exploration



Enrichment and Extension Programme

The Enrichment and Extension (E&E) programme is an extended lesson time every Tuesday afternoon for students to experience innovative ways of learning. They have the opportunity to broaden their horizons through hands-on and unassessed experiential learning in a stress-free environment. Its flexibility highly encourages cross-curricular collaborations and provides time for field trips and workshops by outside speakers. Here are some of our exciting E&E events so far.



Mooncake Making and Tasting - With the facilitation of our parent helpers, the Primary 2 girls participated in the creation of egg custard mooncakes and snowy mooncakes.



A replica of Cloisonne (仿景泰藍) handicrafts making class - Through this activity, the Primary 4 and 5 girls learned about their role in conserving intangible cultural heritage.



Aviation STEM Day - The Primary 6 girls learned about basic flight theory and flight control of aircrafts as well as aerodynamics through a range of activities conducted by professional pilots.



New Play Facilities



The girls were finally able to enjoy lunch at school and have extended play time with their friends during the second half of lunch. New play equipment was placed around the school campus to encourage them to stay active while enjoying the company of their peers.

Play Ambassadors were recruited to help look after the equipment.



School Picnic

After a hiatus of four years, the whole school community enjoyed plenty of outdoor fun and camaraderie at the Po Leung Kuk Jockey Club Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp in the warm October breeze.



Project T - Highlight of the Term



Our girls continue to engage in design-based learning on Thursday afternoons. In one of the projects, the Primary 5 girls get to understand more about ethnic minorities in the district of Jordan by listening to the sharing of Mr Sharma, Vijay Partap (founder of NGO "Ultimate United"), as well as visiting our neighborhood.

Primary 1 Orientation



Our girls practised various self-management skills, like folding their jackets.



Drawing posters to remind our classmates about school rules and proper manners



Keeping the classroom clean

The 72nd PTA Annual General Meeting



Executive Committee 2023-2024

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Mrs Christine Nip, the PTA Chairman, welcomed parents and teachers. During the 2022-2023 school year, the PTA had continued to foster a close partnership among parents, teachers and the School. PTA sub-committees stepped up efforts in organising activities for both students and parents, including outings, educational visits, author's talks, brownies meetings and parent seminars. Mrs Nip thanked parents and teachers for their contribution and dedication, and expressed her gratitude to outgoing Executive Committee member, Mrs Frances Ho, for her exemplary service to the PTA in the past years.

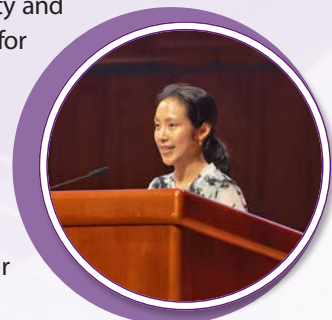
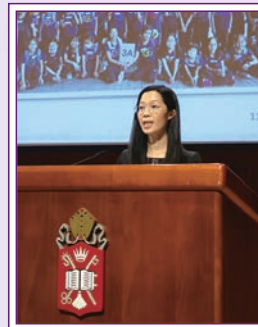


In her address, Mrs Lau shared her vision of building DGS not only as a School of academic excellence, but also a Music School, a Sports School and, even more importantly in this digital age, a Technology School. In music and sports, our girls continued to attain impressive achievements at both the Inter-School and international levels. Our girls also captured top awards in IT competitions, and the audience was treated to a live performance by one of the winning entries in Robot Dance Coding at the International Youth Tech Olympics 2023. Mrs Lau then shared the outstanding public examination results achieved by our girls at the HKDSE and GCE A-Levels, as well as remarkable university placements. To enhance the holistic education at DGS through building a Family School, Mrs. Lau announced that from September 2024 onwards, all new students would have the opportunity to enjoy boarding at the Boarding House.

Dr Holly Ming addressed the PTA AGM for the first time in her new capacity as the DGJS Headmistress. A video capturing the highlights of the previous school year was played, and Dr Ming thanked our former headmistress Mrs Annie Lee for her past leadership. As full-day school resumed, Dr Ming shared snapshots of the fun that our girls were having at school, and thanked teachers and parents for their dedication to fostering a joyful school life. Dr Ming shared with parents her vision for E&E (Enrichment and Extension), a new addition to the curriculum, and how to build 21st century skills through hands-on learning and cross-curricular collaborative projects. Emphasising community and communication, Dr Ming said that more opportunities would be provided for parents to actively engage with the School.

Both headmistresses extended their gratitude to Mrs Christine Nip for her contribution and leadership in the past four years as she stepped down as PTA Chairman. Mrs Lau presented a souvenir to Mrs Nip on behalf of the School Council as a token of appreciation.

The PTA Executive Committee would also like to thank Mrs Nip for her gentle but steady leadership over the years, and for her unfailing dedication to the DGS community.



PTA Activities

Primary 4 – Primary 6 Outings

One of the most anticipated events after the examinations in December is the PTA School Outings! This year's outings for Primary 4 – Primary 6 were held on 15th December 2023. Girls were ready for some all-out fun after the examinations and a very busy first term. With the help of 56 parent-helpers, we brought a total of 12 classes to three different destinations for a day of hands-on learning, relaxation and fun with friends.

Primary 4 - The HKFYG Organic Farm

The Primary 4 girls visited the HKFYG Organic Farm (青協有機農場). The farm is situated at Ho Pui Reservoir, Yuen Long, and is to date the only farm in Hong Kong that follows both the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Programme and also the guidelines of the Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre. Not only did the girls have the rare chance to carry out simple farming chores, they also learned how to make Eco-enzyme cleaners and pressed leaf bookmarks using organic materials.



Primary 5 - The Boys' Brigade Hong Kong - Anchor House Ma Wan

Anchor House is a service unit of The Boys' Brigade and it provides personal growth and team development training service to students and adults. Our girls participated in orienteering, grade-appropriate outdoor challenges (including a rope course) and team-building activities under the supervision of licensed instructors.

5A



5B



5C



5D



Primary 6 - Former Fanling Magistrates' Court

The Primary 6 girls were able to use the old magistrates' court to engage in mock trial workshops to learn public speaking skills and in a team-building workshop to develop better communication skills. They also participated in an elderly simulation that allowed them to experience the difficulties and challenges of being an elderly person.



Parent Helpers at the Library

Last September marked the resumption of library duties following a three-year suspension. A total of 32 dedicated parent helpers, divided into four teams, have joined the Library Subcommittee this year. They help out at the Junior School Library during lunch time on every full-day school day to help our girls check out and return books, monitor the proper use of the computers, maintain order at the library, and organise the bookshelves. Salute to all parent helpers whose contributions are essential to creating a reading-rich environment for our Junior School girls.



Seminar by Professor Erwin Huang on AI and learning



Technology is the key that drives social change, and the emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) will undoubtedly transform the way our children learn and their role in the future workplace. As parents, not only do we need to understand and embrace AI, we also need to guide our children in their interactions with technology in order to reap the benefits of AI. We were delighted to have invited Professor Erwin Huang to give a seminar

on "AI and the Future of Learning" on 6th December 2023. With more than 100 parents in attendance, Professor Huang shared insights on how children's research, critical thinking and problem-solving skills could be enhanced by harnessing the power of AI.



Christian Mothers' Group & Fathers' and Mothers' Breakfast Meetings

The Christian Mothers' Group (CMG) and the Fathers' and Mothers' Breakfast Meetings, which have become an integral part of the parents community, continue to receive warm support from parents. This year, the CMG welcomed more mothers and now has more than 60 active participants. United in faith, the group explores the power of prayers, and looks at how prayers can empower us to strengthen our spousal and mother-children relationships.

While parents continued to learn from Dr Lawrence Chen during online breakfast meetings, they also attended the face-to-face talks given by our new speaker, Dr Jonathan Choi, a clinical psychologist devoted to youth well-being.



Dr Choi gave three inspiring and engaging sharing sessions in the first term, offering insights to parents on how they could become their children's life-giving partners. The mornings were filled with enthusiasm and laughter, and the mothers and fathers attending gained new perspectives on the importance of the role of parents in our daughters' development.



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A Journey of Service and Growth: An Interview with Mrs. Doris Ho

The DGS Eco Garden is a gift from the DOGA to the School and Mrs. Doris Ho (DGS Supervisor 1984-2021), which was officially opened on the 20th December 2023 at the DGS Mini Bazaar in DOGA Place by Mrs. Doris Ho.

Driven by Mrs. Ho's concern for the environment and her vision of offering a quiet retreat for students, the Eco Garden was created. It features a "Daily Service Bench", dedicated to Mrs. Ho in appreciation of her tremendous service to the School. In line with the theme of the Garden, the bench was purposefully recycled and crafted from a local tree that had fallen during a typhoon. Together with the other "eco" features, DOGA hopes that the Garden will serve as a living testament to environmentalism, where students can find relaxation as well as inspiration to embrace Mrs. Ho's green advocacy. In a symbolic gesture of continuity and care, the DGS Environmental Ambassadors assumed the responsibility of the Garden from Mrs. Ho by receiving a watering can from her, signifying their commitment to be stewards of the Garden.

After the ceremony, DOGA's Editorial Subcommittee had the privilege of chatting with Mrs. Ho over a cup of tea in the DOGA Room, where she shared her insights into the purposes of a garden, alongside her remarkable journey at DGS and beyond, which she attributes to the blessings and guidance of God.

Quoting from the book "On the Necessity of Gardening", Mrs. Ho recalled Justus Lipsius (1547-1606) said, "It is the garden that is the training ground for the creativity and wisdom that will enable us to recreate the world." In her view, the purpose of a garden is not merely in its aesthetic appeal, but as a dynamic learning ground that enables us to rekindle our relationship with nature. It is also a gathering place for in-person activities, restoring a balance that can come askew from over-reliance on remote learning, and a potential social disconnection that can arise from excessive use of modern technology. "I want to see the Garden being used," she said, "for all sorts of activities." She eagerly anticipates returning to DGS to witness the inspiring eco-projects that the students would create, and

even envisaged the possibility of open-air concerts being held in the Garden, to encourage a sense of community within the DGS family.

Reminiscing about her time at DGS, Mrs. Ho felt that one of her most cherished aspects was the lifelong friendships forged with her classmates from the Class of 1957. Even today, around 10 of them gather monthly for lunch, offering unwavering support to one another through life's ups and downs. She fondly recalled her English teacher, Miss Allen, who resided on campus with her two big dogs that followed her everywhere, even into the classrooms. Miss Allen not only taught English but also imparted the skill of knitting, a hobby that Mrs. Ho continues to enjoy to this day. Mrs. Ho still appreciates the huge field in those days which provided ample space for running, and the Nissin huts that housed art classes. She even delighted us with a mischievous memory of sneaking snacks from under the classroom desk lid during classes!

Mrs. Ho attributed her ability to overcome life's challenges to the education she received at DGS. Speech training with Mrs. O'Connell, the teacher responsible for speech competitions, equipped her with impeccable pronunciation and voice projection, skills that proved invaluable throughout her different careers. Another important attribute she learned at DGS was the value of resilience and a constant drive for self-improvement, enabling her to embrace diverse environments and jobs after graduation. Given the disruptions of the recent pandemic, Mrs. Ho emphasised the importance of these qualities for students, as they navigate a post-pandemic world. Amidst the irresistible lure of technology and AI, she again underscored the need to achieve a balance by cultivating an appreciation for the humanities, while accepting our responsibilities for the environment and our community.

Mrs. Ho reflected that her career path had been a blessed one. "In retrospect, I feel strongly that God's hand was always there to guide me along my career path, as I could not have possibly



done it on my own." After completing her education and teaching in the UK, she briefly taught in Hong Kong before exploring other career opportunities, first in the finance field, and ending up as an Administrative Officer in the Hong Kong Government, where she had the opportunity to gain exposure in multiple departments, including the Music Office, Post Office, Health and Welfare Bureau and others. She recalled that the skills she acquired at DGS proved to be indispensable when confronted with challenging situations in these roles.

When appointed as a DGS Supervisor, Mrs. Ho did not really have any idea of what was expected of her.

Recognising that if she lacked the ability in a certain area, she needed the humility to learn and to take advice from others who could do the job better. As Mrs. Ho humbly remarked, "I'm not the leader, I'm the follower. I've learned so much from the others and I'm still learning." As a Christian, she believes a minister or leader's role is to serve.

Embedded deep within Mrs. Ho's heart is the "One School" concept. She emphasised the profound benefits that arise from sharing a common campus for students, teachers, and parents alike. When faced with the option of separating the Junior School to another location, she was pleased that the School Council rejected the option, cognisant of the inherent value of keeping both the Junior and Secondary schools together. She pointed out that the intertwining staircase in the redeveloped campus serves as a physical manifestation of the unity and collaboration between the two schools. By sharing the same campus, a multitude of interactions and exchanges are fostered among students of all ages. Students of the Junior and Secondary schools can learn from one another, enriching the learning journey for all.

Serving as DGS Supervisor for 37 years had been a meaningful and fulfilling journey for Mrs. Ho. She deeply appreciated the collective efforts of alumnae, parents,

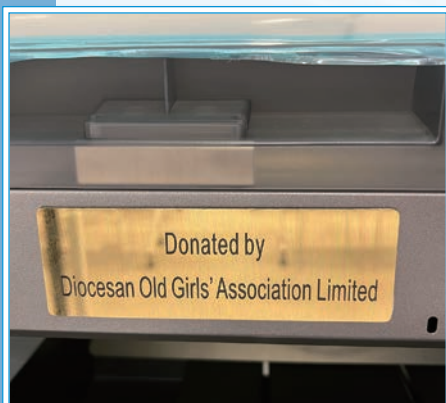
students, staff, and School Council members, who worked together to ensure the success of various events and projects at the school. One significant milestone during her tenure was overseeing DGS's transition from a grant school to a Direct Subsidy Scheme school, a positive and exciting change that provided additional resources and flexibility. Looking back, Mrs. Ho felt blessed to have worked with dedicated headmistresses and staff, enabling her to learn so much as a Supervisor. Furthermore, she had led the major School Redevelopment Project in 2009, where the commitment and sincere efforts of School Council members proved invaluable. Mrs. Ho expressed her gratitude to all those involved and humbly acknowledged, "I really experienced God's love and blessings throughout these projects. He has really looked after the School. I've been so blessed to be part of it all."

After her retirement, Mrs. Ho's daily life revolves around her Christian faith, which serves as a compass for her actions. Thankful for God's blessings, she seeks to serve others, and offers thanks for being placed in situations where she can make a meaningful difference. She is grateful for the gift of good health and well-being at her age, which she sees as a precious resource to be utilized to the full. Recently, she has found meaning in being present for others by lending a sympathetic ear, offering help wherever needed.

We are truly thankful for Mrs. Ho's wisdom, unwavering passion and commitment to education which has left an indelible mark on the DGS community. She has exemplified the meaning of "Daily Giving Service" by giving selflessly to ensure that DGS students would have the best resources to pursue their goals. We came away feeling we have much to learn from her leadership, humility, and dedication to service. Her legacy at DGS will continue to benefit and inspire future generations of DGS students in their Daily Giving Service.

DOGA Donates Garment Printer

DOGA is pleased to donate a state-of-the-art digital garment printer to the School's new Digital Learning Centre. It is being used as a teaching tool in IT lessons and in the School's virtual store at the Mini Bazaar. By integrating industry-level technology into classroom learning, we hope to provide students with a real world experience in design, production, and marketing of digital art.



DOGA Annual Dinner 2023

The much-awaited DOGA Annual Dinner made a grand return on 17th October 2023 at the Hotel Icon, attracting over 400 alumnae spanning classes from 1964 to 2016. Immersed in the vibrant "Neon Magic" theme, old girls enjoyed an evening of innovation and fun. The event featured dazzling venue decor, engaging games, integration of QR code to access the programme brochure, and a computerised lucky draw. Alumnae perfectly echoed the night's theme with their creative and eye-catching outfits. A memorable highlight was the calligraphy competition, where each class year showcased writing '拔萃' in Chinese brushstroke, stirring fond recollections of school days when brush pens were used for Chinese dictation. A hearty congratulations to the class of 1996 for clinching the Best Turnout Class award with an impressive 37 attendees. The dinner was abuzz with the joy of reconnecting with old friends, laughter, endless conversations, photo-taking, and lively souvenir shopping, making it an unforgettable night of camaraderie and celebration.



Calligraphy Competition Winners



Photo Corner



Best Turnout Class – Class of 1996



Best Dressed Competition Winners

DOGA Legal Group Gathering



The DOGA Membership Subcommittee's Legal Group hosted an evening junk boat gathering on 23rd November 2023. Around 30 old girls, including solicitors, barristers, in-house counsels, legal HR managers, and students, bonded and shared professional knowledge and experience. Everyone enjoyed their drinks, laughter, stimulating discussions, and the spectacular Symphony of Lights show as the junk cruised along the Victoria Harbour.

Beach Cleanup

On 5th November 2023, DOGA organised a beach cleanup at Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun, with an impressive turnout of around 60 old girls and their family members. The group learned about the sources of heavy ocean pollution at the area, including the effects from nearby power stations and industrial waste from Mainland China. Despite the scorching heat, they collected over 40kg of ocean trash that was washed up or littered onto the coastline. We are proud that our members and their younger generation are helping to make a positive difference to the environment.



Bunny Lantern Workshop

On 24th September 2023, the Art Club hosted a DIY Nostalgic Bunny Lantern workshop at the School for around 30 old girls and their family members. With their skillful hands and imagination, the participants transformed simple and accessible materials, including craft paper and a round paper lantern, into colourful bunny (or unicorn!) lanterns.



DOGA Interhouse Basketball Competition 2023

DOGA Sports Subcommittee hosted the DOGA Interhouse Basketball Competition 2023 on 24th June 2023. After four years of waiting, old and new basketball players returned to the court, showing their house and team spirit with extremely high morale. Around 30 passionate old girls, who missed their time playing, sweated and cheered together, played their best and fought for the championship title. Symons team once again claimed champion after four years, while Skipton and Hurrell were awarded first and second runners-up respectively.



DGS Careers Fair 2023

The DGS Careers Fair 2023 made a triumphant return after a four-year hiatus on 24th June with record high student participation. Designed for all secondary school girls and for the first time, Primary 6 girls, the event aimed to broaden their perspectives and inspire them to explore different career paths. More than 90 old girls and other representatives showcased over 40 different job types across a wide range of sectors, including business, medical and healthcare, legal and law enforcement, architecture, engineering, media, hospitality, information technology and more. Enthusiastic students engaged in discussions with experienced alumnae, gaining valuable insights into potential careers.

Dr CJ Symons Scholarship 2023

DOGA is happy to announce that Nicole Mong Joo Chung has been awarded the Dr CJ Symons Scholarship for 2023. The scholarship, which amounts to HK\$160,000, will go towards her study at the University of Pennsylvania where she intends to major in Biology and Computational Neuroscience. Congratulations and we wish Nicole every success in her future endeavours.

