

# MVS Bulletin

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## END OF TERM 1 CELEBRATION

On March 10, the school organized a mini celebration to mark the end of the first term of the year. It was a day filled with fun activities and camaraderie among the students and staff.

The celebration started with the traditional flag-raising ceremony, which set the tone for the day's festivities. After the ceremony, the Year-1 students proceeded to the hall for an exciting session of games and dance. This fun-filled activity helped to foster teamwork and boost the students' morale.

Meanwhile, the Year-2 students took on the task of preparing a sumptuous buffet for the entire school community to enjoy. The aroma of delicious food wafted through the school hallways, and students eagerly looked forward to indulging in the mouth-watering feast. This activity helped to develop the students' culinary skills and provided them with an opportunity to showcase their talents.

Overall, the day was a success, and everyone had a great time. The celebration not only marked the end of a successful term, but it also served as a reminder of the school's commitment to fostering a positive and nurturing learning environment. The new students had adapted well to the school's culture and had contributed to the success of the celebration. The event helped to build lasting memories and strong bonds among the school community, which will be cherished for years to come.





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### VICTORIA JUNIOR COLLEGE

January 31st, 2023, was an exciting day for the Year-1 students, as they were treated to a day of fun and engaging activities by the Victoria Junior College (VJC) students. The event aimed to promote a sense of community between the two schools and provide the Year-1 students with an opportunity to interact with their older peers.

The day started with a game of bowling, where the students teamed up with VJC students to compete against each other. The second activity was handicrafts, where the Year-1 students learned how to make beautiful paper crafts and origami figures. The third activity was a science lesson, where the VJC students shared their knowledge and expertise on various scientific topics. The fourth activity was a dance lesson, where the VJC students taught the Year-1 students some fun and simple dance moves.

The day ended with a scrumptious lunch provided by the VJC students, where both schools had the opportunity to mingle and share stories over a delicious meal. The VJC students also presented certificates of participation to the Year-1 students, recognizing their efforts and contribution to the day's activities.

Overall, the students thoroughly enjoyed the day's events and interactions with the VJC students. The VJC students did an excellent job of organizing the event, and their dedication and enthusiasm were appreciated by everyone involved.



## FIELD TRIP - HOTEL INDIGO

On 27 February 2023, MVS Year-Two students in Housekeeping Operations course, embarked on an experiential learning journey to Hotel Indigo as part of their preparation for their upcoming Work-Based Training. The unique opportunity allowed our students to witness first-hand the day-to-day operations of a hotel in a real-life setting.

During the trip, our students gained valuable insights into the hospitality industry, enabling them to gain practical knowledge and skills that will benefit them in their future careers. They had the chance to observe and experience the hotel's operations, including its front desk, housekeeping, and restaurant services.

This experiential learning journey helped our students to prepare mentally and emotionally for their upcoming Work-Based Training, giving them a better understanding of the expectations and challenges of working in a real-life setting. The experience was a valuable one for our students, and we are proud to have provided this opportunity to enhance their learning experience.





## GROOM & GLOW WORKSHOP

To equip our Year-2 students with the necessary skills for their upcoming Work-Based Training, we conducted a comprehensive Groom & Glow workshop on 6 March 2023. This workshop provided our students with a well-rounded approach to prepare them for their professional lives.

During the workshop, our students learned about the importance of mindset. They were taught how to identify and build on their strengths, accept differences, and respect others. This is essential as they begin to interact with individuals from diverse backgrounds in their future workplace.

Deportment is another critical aspect of professional behavior, and our students learned about it in detail. They were taught the appropriate posture for sitting, standing, and walking to convey confidence and professionalism in any setting.

Our students also received guidance on social etiquette, which is a fundamental part of effective communication. They learned about essential skills such as giving a firm handshake, greeting people politely, saying no graciously, and being helpful and courteous to others. These skills will serve them well in their future interactions with colleagues, clients, and superiors.

Finally, the workshop covered basic networking skills, which are crucial for establishing connections and building a successful career. Our students learned how to make a positive first impression and how to effectively communicate their goals and aspirations to potential employers.

Overall, the Groom & Glow workshop was a comprehensive and well-rounded program that helped our Year-2 students prepare for their Work-Based Training and future careers.



## CIRCUS WORKSHOP - PLATE SPINNING & DIABOLO

On March 8th, 2023, an exciting circus workshop was organized by the school for our enthusiastic Year-1 students. The workshop focused on teaching the students the art of plate-spinning and diabolo, both of which are traditional circus skills that require excellent hand-eye coordination, patience, and discipline.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Lee Kui Lim, a skilled instructor from the Buskerz Juggling Equipment company. He brought along a variety of juggling props and tools for the students to practice with, including a variety of colorful diabolos and spinning plates.

During the workshop, the students were introduced to the basics of plate-spinning and diabolo, including the correct techniques for holding and maneuvering the props. They were then given the opportunity to practice their newly acquired skills, with Mr. Lee providing guidance and support as needed.

Through this workshop, the students not only developed their physical coordination but also their patience and discipline. They learned that mastering these skills takes time and effort, and that with practice, they can achieve their goals.

Overall, the circus workshop was a fun and engaging experience for our Year-1 students, allowing them to learn new skills while having a great time. The school is proud to have provided such an enriching experience for our students, and we hope to continue to offer similar workshops and activities in the future.



## KOREAN CULTURAL PROGRAMME

On March 9th, 2023, the Korean Cultural Club of Stamford American International School hosted an exciting cultural event for 75 students from MVS. The event aimed to promote cultural exchange and understanding between the two schools and provided an opportunity for MVS students to learn about Korean culture and traditions.

The event was divided into four stations, each focusing on a different aspect of Korean culture. The first station was dedicated to teaching the Korean language, Hangeul. The Korean students patiently and enthusiastically guided the MVS students through the basics of the language, including pronunciation and simple phrases. The MVS students were eager to learn and quickly picked up on the new language.

The second station featured Korean snacks and food, allowing the MVS students to sample traditional Korean dishes such as bibimbap, kimchi, and tteokbokki. The Korean students explained the cultural significance and ingredients of each dish, adding to the students' understanding and appreciation of Korean cuisine.

The third station featured Korean traditional games, such as Pitch-pot, ddakji and jegi chagi, which provided the students with an opportunity to learn and play Korean games. The games were challenging but fun, and the Korean students provided helpful tips and guidance to ensure that everyone had a good time.

The fourth and final station featured K-pop dancing, where the Korean students taught the MVS students some popular K-pop dance moves. The MVS students were thrilled to learn from the experts and showed off their newfound skills with enthusiasm.

In addition to the four stations, the Korean Cultural Club students brought along traditional Korean costumes for the students and staff to dress up and take photos. The students and staff had a great time trying on the colorful and intricate outfits, and the photos served as a wonderful memento of the event.

Overall, the MVS students had a fantastic time interacting with the Korean students and learning about Korean culture. The event provided an opportunity for cultural exchange and understanding, and the Korean Cultural Club did an excellent job of organizing and executing the event. The staff also joined in the fun, adding to the festive atmosphere of the day.



## KOREAN CULTURAL PROGRAMME 2

The programme organized by the Korean Culture Club of Stamford American International School was such a hit with the students that they eagerly decided to host another day of activities at MVS on May 18, 2023. This time, they planned an exciting lineup of engaging activities and experiences for everyone to enjoy.

The activities included playground games like hop-scotch and green-light-red-light, which brought a sense of nostalgia and energetic fun to the atmosphere.

As the day progressed, the beat of K-Pop music reverberated throughout the venue, signaling the start of singing and dancing performances. The talented members of the Korean Culture Club mesmerized the audience with their impressive vocal skills and captivating dance moves.

To further enrich the cultural experience, the Korean Culture Club also conducted a Korean Sign Language class.

The highlight of the day, undoubtedly, was the delectable assortment of Korean snacks and Tteok-bokki that the students from the Korean Culture Club had thoughtfully prepared. The aroma of traditional flavors filled the air, and everyone indulged in these delightful culinary treats, savoring the taste of Korea.

As the day came to a close, it was evident that the students' enjoyment and enthusiasm had made this event a resounding success. The Korean Culture Club had once again created a vibrant and inclusive space where students could embrace diversity, celebrate different cultures, and forge lasting memories.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### BANK OF SINGAPORE - FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Every March, in celebration of International Women's Day (IWD), the Bank of Singapore (BOS) organizes a series of events and workshops. As part of this initiative, our year-two students were invited to attend a Financial Literacy session on March 22, 2023, hosted by BOS in collaboration with Siloso Beach Resort (SBR). The event aimed to provide students with practical knowledge and skills to manage their finances effectively.

Upon arrival, our students and SBR staff (who are our ex-students) were warmly welcomed by the BOS staff. The event kicked off with a brief introduction, following which the students were given "game money" worth \$100 to shop wisely at four different "shops". However, one of the "shops" was a cheat, and the objective was to scam money from the shoppers. This fun and interactive shopping game encouraged students to think critically and make wise financial decisions.

After the shopping game, the students attended a short session on how to budget their money using a mobile app. The session provided them with useful tips and strategies to manage their finances effectively. At the end of the session, three winners were announced for spending the least out of their "game money". Sebastian from Food Preparation won a Fairprice voucher, which was a great incentive for the students to learn and apply the financial literacy skills they had acquired.

The event concluded with light refreshments provided by BOS, giving the students an opportunity to interact with the BOS staff and ask questions about their financial literacy journey. Overall, the Financial Literacy session organized by BOS was informative and engaging, providing our students with practical knowledge and skills to manage their finances wisely. We appreciate the effort and support of BOS and SBR in organizing this event and helping our students learn valuable life skills.







## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: HWA CHONG INSTITUTION

A group of students from Hwa Chong Institution took the initiative to organize a day of engaging activities with our students on May 19, 2023. Despite the last-minute nature of the planning, they put together a diverse lineup of enjoyable experiences that left a lasting impact on everyone involved.

The activities included the classic board game of carrom, basketball, the popular word game, Wordle, and art session.

Despite the impromptu nature of the event, the students from Hwa Chong Institution had managed to curate a day filled with diverse activities that catered to different interests and talents. This collaborative effort not only brought joy and entertainment but also promoted inter-school bonds and facilitated the exchange of ideas and perspectives.



## 2ND TERM END PROGRAMME: MVS' GOT TALENT

The MVS' Got Talent marked the glorious end of our second term on 26 May 2023 and boy, it was a blast! Our students wowed us with their amazing singing, dancing, and fashion shows. The audience was in awe, and the energy was off the charts.

The winners were outstanding. Class 1.2 Fashion Show took home the "Best Costume" prize, turning into dazzling beings that would make Lady Gaga jealous. Class 1.1's Baby Shark Dance won "Most Creative" for transforming a nursery rhyme into a dance extravaganza.

Ethan and Ryan from Class 1.3 snagged the "Best Effort" prize with their mesmerizing vocals. Xavier from Class 1.4 stole hearts with his electrifying solo singing, earning third place. The adorable Gummy Bear Dance won second place, spreading cuteness and leaving smiles everywhere.

But the ultimate winners were Class 1.3, who brought the house down with their engaging song and dance drama. They had the moves, the voices, and the charisma to rival Justin Timberlake. And let's not forget Ummi, the star performer who rocked two acts and earned a special prize.

MVS' Got Talent was a night to remember, filled with laughter and applause. Our students showed us their incredible abilities and proved that our school is bursting with talent. We can't wait to see what they'll do next!

