



2005 'O' LEVEL RESULTS

On 10 February, East Spring Secondary witnessed the release of the best ever GCE 'O' Level results for her fourth batch of graduating students.

An upward trend was seen in the pass rates of 9 subjects for our Express students, in English Language, Chinese, Malay, Combined Humanities, Geography, Mathematics, Physics/Chemistry and Design and Technology. We also achieved pass rates in these subjects that were above the national average. The Sec 5 Normal (Academic) students performed better than national average in 6 subjects. Overall, the percentage of 5 'O' Level passes achieved by our students increased from 80%

for the 2004 batch to 85.7% for the 2005 batch, 5% above national average.

It was also heartening to note that more than half the Express students from the 2005 batch were eligible to enter JC and all the students in Sec 4E1, 4E2 and 4E5 were eligible for entry into polytechnic.

While many students fretted anxiously as the principal Mrs Sng announced the results for the school as a whole, they found the wait well worth it when they finally received their individual results. It was wonderful and particularly satisfying for the teachers of the graduating batch to see the many happy faces, congratulatory hugs and even tears of joy.

2005 GCE NA & 'NT' LEVEL RESULTS

The release of the GCE Normal Academic Level results in December last year, brought much joy to East Springians. Our students had done well and a lot of improvement was seen in almost all subjects offered in the examinations.

100% passes were achieved in English Language, Chinese, Malay, Science (Physics/Chemistry), Science (Chemistry/Biology), Design and Technology and Food and Nutrition. The percentage pass rate of 98.7% in Mathematics also surpassed the national average of 95.8%.

We also congratulate our two outstanding students, Chen Shuna, Gina and Zeng Huiying of Sec 4N2.

The Normal Technical stream students had also made their mark with their good performance. The percentage passes for all seven subjects offered were above the national average. Furthermore, the percentage distinction grades of five out of the seven subjects offered surpassed the national average. In Computer Applications, we achieved 56.8% distinctions compared to the national average of 29.9%.

These successes would not have been possible if not for the hard work of those students and their teachers.

It was also with great pleasure that Mrs Sng handed over the result slips to our three most outstanding students. They were Samantha Chung (4E2) with 6 distinctions, Jasmine Yeo (4E1) also with 6 distinctions and Chong Yin Ying (5N2) with 4 distinctions. They shared some of their thoughts and reflections with us:

Qn: So how do you feel about your results?

Yin Ying: I am very delighted. My results prove that 5N pupils can do very well too.

Samantha: I am very happy and really did not expect to do so well.

Jasmine: I am very happy that all my efforts had paid off.

Qn: How did you prepare for the 'O' levels?

Jasmine: I did mind maps for all the subjects which I started in July. I believe in constant practice because practice makes perfect.

Samantha: Taking notes of teacher's lecture helped. I did a lot of questions from the ten-year series. I must also thank my tuition teacher who reinforced what I learnt in school.

Yin Ying: My teachers played a large part in my success. Work hard and believe in yourself. Don't worry about people who tried to put you down.

Qn: The time of the 'O' levels is a stressful period. How did you relax and take breaks?

Yin Ying: Yes many think that to do well you need to study and study. For me relaxing is just as important. I must thank my brother whose antics helped to entertain me and make me less stressed.

Samantha: I agree. For me, I enjoyed going to the movies.

Jasmine: I spent my breaks playing chess with my younger brother and watching TV.

We congratulate our 2005 batch of seniors on their excellent performance. They have shown us that while the road to success may be full of challenges and sacrifices, perseverance and hard work will always see us through in the end.

East Spring Welcomes the following teachers:

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| 1. Irene Poon Kar Wai (Mdm) | From MOE - HQ |
| 2. Chia Hai Siang (Mr) | From PLD - MOE |
| 3. Peng Pei Chein (Mdm) | From Mayflower Sec Sch |
| 4. Lee Chin Chuan Justin (Mr) | Newly appointed (Untrained) |
| 5. Tan Way Chye Kenneth (Mr) | Newly appointed (Untrained) |
| 6. Tay Koon Guan (Mr) | From Punggol Sec Sch |
| 7. Foo Yong Lai (Miss) | From Manjusri Sec Sch |
| 8. Wang Junyi (Mr) | Newly appointed (Trained) |

East Spring Wishes these Teachers The Best for the Future:

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| 1. Mildred Lek Chew Peng (Miss) | Transferred to MOE - HQ |
| 2. Soh Jim Yam (Mrs) | End of contract |
| 3. Lam-Lim Geok Lin Ann (Mrs) | NPL wef 1/1/06 for 1 year |
| 4. Wong Wei Peng Christine (Mdm) | NPL wef 1/1/06 for 1 year |
| 5. Chew Sui Jin Glenn (Mr) | Transferred to Holy Innocents' High Sch |
| 6. Chia Loo Wah Elizabeth (Miss) | Transferred to Millenium Institute |
| 7. Choo Guan Hin Benjamin (Mr) | Joined NIE |
| 8. Tay Gek Hong (Mr) | Transferred to Greendale Sec Sch |
| 9. Lokman Bin Abdul Jalil (Mr) | Transferred to Temasek Sec Sch |
| 10. Ng Pek Kee Kevin (Mr) | Transferred to CCAB |
| (Education Programmes Div) | |
| 11. Suziana Bte Mohammed Ismail (Mdm) | Transferred to PGSB |
| | (Education Programmes Div) |
| 12. Peng Pei Chien (Mdm) | Resigned |
| 13. Lee Hock Boon Ryan (Mr) | Resigned |
| 14. Leong Kum Seng (Mr) | Transferred to Anderson Primary Sch |
| 15. Tan Chuan Ghee Andrew (Mr) | Resigned |

Teacher Work Attachment

Another staff member who went on an attachment stint was Mr Neu Wee Teck. He was attached to the Higher Education Division at MOE Headquarters. Although he had to travel aq longer to his 'new' workplace, Mr Neu found his experience rewarding. "Not only did I find my colleagues there friendly and helpful, but I was also gain valuable insights from making proposals and attending focus group discussions chaired by Minister of State for Education, Mr Gan Kim Yong," enthused Mr Neu.

The experience, he added' had prepared him to be in a better position to advise his students in their future career choices. He also encouraged his colleagues to take up similar work attachment challenges.

Workshop on Problem - Based Learning

On 16 and 17 Mar, about 25 teachers attended a school-based workshop on Problem-Based Learning conducted by Dr Tan On-Seng, Associate Professor of Psychological Studies at the National Institute of Education and an internationally recognized expert on using a problem-based approach to learning.

According to Finkle and Torp (1995), "problem-based learning (PBL) is a curriculum development and instructional system that simultaneously develops both problem solving strategies and disciplinary knowledge bases and skills by placing students in the active role of problem solvers confronted with an ill-structured problem that mirrors real-world problems". In 2005, East Spring Secondary identified PBL as one of the two pedagogical innovations we would look to introduce to our students on a school-wide level, across different subjects, in support of the Ministry's push for schools to 'Teach Less, Learn More' (TLLM). PBL is especially useful for our students as it better engages students in learning, builds intrinsic interest and teaches them useful self-directed and co-operative learning skills. It also encourages a more authentic and multi-disciplinary learning environment.

Over the two days, teachers learnt how to facilitate and design a PBL curriculum, and also considered how PBL could best be incorporated within the context of our school and students. Students can look forward to more engaging lessons and richer learning as our teachers apply the skills and knowledge they learnt in their classes.



TLLM Engagement Workshop

The workshop, led by the principal, Mrs Sng on 13 March, was conducted to engage teachers in team learning and team building. Mrs Sng added that it was timely that the teachers got together again since the "Teach Less learn More" initiative began in August 2004. It was thus a time for teachers to revisit their passion for teaching and to encourage teachers to think about how TLLM can be realized in simple yet effective ways.

But the introspection that the workshop allowed for was hardly the quiet rumination that one would expect. Instead, the teachers were as animated and chatty as their students in the classroom. It was clear that the many fun yet meaningful activities organized by the team comprising the Vice-principal, Ms Chew, Mdm Chin and Mdm Too were a timely reminder that the same fun and meaning can also be derived in the classroom when teachers keep the students engaged in the learning.

Wedding Bells



Mr Benson Tay
 @
 Ms Teh Jane Khim

The first "Meet the Parents" Session falls on 11 March on a breezy Saturday. The first batch of students to invite their parents to school were from Secondary 4 Express, Normal (A) and (T), Secondary 5 Normal (A) and Secondary 2 Express, Normal (A) and (T).

The main objectives of the session were :

- To inform the parents of the programmes provided by the school to prepare the students for the 2006 "O" Level, N(A) and N(T) Examination for the graduating classes
- To inform parents of the opinions available for the students after the "O" level, N(A) and N(T) Examinations
- To seek the cooperation of parents to support the school in all programmes planned by the students
- To feedback to parents the conduct and performance of their child in Term 1
- Provide opportunities for parents to dialogue with the teachers regarding their child or/and seek clarification on certain school issues

The session proved to be beneficial for both parents and teachers. The feedback the school received from the parents not only provided the school with useful information on how to improve our communication channels with the parents, but also gave parents the opportunity to make contributions to the school.

The school looks forward to working with these parents.

Eunice Lim, 3E4

Parent-Teacher Dialogue



Prefects Investiture



The 2006 Prefects Investiture was held on 1st February. 8 prefects were nominated for the position of Head Prefect in East Spring Secondary School this year. The nominees, confirmed a week before the ceremony, were Choy Han Liang Kenny from 4E1, Wee Li Sheng Sherman from 4E1, Sng An Qi from 4E1, Ang Hui Tian Cherie from 4E5, Nurul Mardhati Bte Masroni from 4E5, Rafiqah Bte Nordin from 4E5, Zubair Bin Mohamad Kamil from 5N1, Muhammad Hafith Bin Azlan from 5N2.

During the investiture, it was announced that Ang Hui Tian Cherie had the most number of votes, making her the Head Prefect for the year 2006. She shares some of her thoughts and aspirations for her tenure below.

Q: Did you expect to get the most number of votes and therefore become the Head Prefect of East Spring Secondary School?

A: Of course not. Everyone was equally capable so I didn't expect myself to be elected.

Q: What qualities do you think you have that would make you a good head prefect?

A: I guess the fact that I am responsible and diligent. Of course that doesn't imply that my fellow prefects are less responsible and dedicated than I am.

Q: If you had the privilege to vote, as the rest of us, who would you vote for? Why?

A: I will definitely vote for Hafith as I look up to him and he is also my senior. Moreover, I respect him a lot as he is a very responsible person who exhibits many of the qualities of a good prefect.

Q: What are the challenges you think you will face as a head prefect?

A: Most likely, I will have to hold more responsibilities as more is expected of me as a Head Prefect. I will need to strive to be a good role model for the students and other prefects.

We congratulate Cherie, the Head Prefect for 2006 and will continue to do our best to cooperate and support our school prefects in making East Spring a conducive environment for all to study in.

Nurfarahin
Sec 3E2

NKF Visit

A Learning Journey to NKF

Did you know that the first World Kidney Day falls on 9 March? Well, this was just one of the many meaningful lessons, the graduating classes of Sec 4 Express learnt on their visit to the NKF Headquarters at Kim Keat Road on that day.

The opportunity to interact with dialysis patients at the Tay Choon Hye Dialysis Centre was yet another lesson in empathy for those East Springians. Besides the

science lesson they got from the nurse at the center on how the process of dialysis, which means the removal of toxins and excess fluids from the body, works, they also got to interact with the patients and present their get-well cards to them. They certainly learnt the value of patience and the meaning of pain and suffering when they found out that the patients had to sit for 4 to 5 hours, three times a week to go through haemodialysis. The sight of various sizes of the needles used alone would have turned away many of the students.

This journey serves as a grim reminder to us to value our good health, to spare a thought for others who are less fortunate than us and to do our bit to help alleviate their sufferings.



PROJECT

Teach2Reach

It first started with a trip to Downtown East. I went there with my friends to watch a circus show, "Aga-Boom". That was when I wished I could perform the same circus acts. So when the opportunity to learn circus arts the project Teach2Reach offered me, I jumped at it.

Under the instruction of Mr Jay Che of Circus Outreach, my friends and I picked skills like juggling and balancing on rollers, we never dreamt we could do before. The training we received has not only improve our hand-eye co-ordination, but more so our self confidence and the spirit of determination and perseverance.

Our confidence was boosted to the extent that we were prepared to perform in front of the whole school during the school assembly. We were apprehensive at first but we realize that one lessons we learn in this programme is to take calculated risks. We were glad that our school mates appreciated our performance and some were captivated by it.

Come and join us and who knows, you may become a famous performer one day!

Nur Farahain, 3E2

On Saturday, 27th January, the Malay students of East Spring Secondary School participated in the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) Flag Day. This was the third time our school had volunteered our services to raise funds to help the socially disadvantaged in the community.

Many of the students arrived as early as 8 am outside the Tampines MRT station. They were given donation tins, stickers and bags of sweets to distribute to donors. Refreshments were also provided for the students.

The students were full of enthusiasm as they went about their tasks at various spots around Tampines Mall and the Tampines bus interchange. A few went as far as Bugis in their efforts to raise more funds.

We were met with a very understanding and generous public. In total, the school managed to raise a very commendable \$____. This money would go to help disadvantaged families under AMP's 'Adopt a Family & Youth' Scheme.

At the end of the event, the participants were rewarded with Old Chang Kee vouchers by the staff of AMP as a gesture of their appreciation. Farahain, a Secondary Three student who had volunteered for the event, remarked, "It's tiring, especially doing it for the first time, but it was certainly satisfying."

The students involved were certainly proud to be a part of this meaningful fund-raising event.

Malyanah Bte Manap 3E2

AMP Day



Every year, on the 15 February, Singapore commemorates Total Defence Day. On this day, schools all over Singapore will have activities that remind young Singaporeans of the importance of Total Defence in Singapore and the part we play in Total Defence.

In East Spring, the commemoration began with a reflection on Total Defence by groups of students during the PCCE lessons. These reflections were put up on the Class Character Nook which showcases our efforts pertaining to National Education and Character Development.

This was followed by an assembly talk by Mr Mark Hong a University Fellow at the Institute of South East Asian Studies and a former Ambassador to Russia, on his experience in Cambodia during the 1980's civil war. During the talk, we learnt about the dire situation Cambodia was in as a result of the bloodcurdling war in which thousands of people died due to starvation, diseases and atrocities done by soldiers of Pol Pot.

Looking at the gory pictures of tortured and dead victims made us feel sad and sorry for them. We saw how people suffered during wartime, and hoped earnestly that history will not repeat itself, particularly in our own homeland. Hence, through this beneficial talk, we understand the importance of Total Defence in Singapore. We also learn

TOTAL Defence

that every Singaporean has a part to play in Total Defence which consists of the five aspects, namely: psychological, social, civil, economic and military defence. Each of these aspects holds a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our economy and living conditions.

Khairiyah Kang, 3N1
Mahirah Mohd Johari, 2E6



Welcoming the New Year

On 26 January, we welcomed the Chinese Year of 'The Dog' with a concert that also celebrated Hari Raya Haji.

The concert started with the band and the choir in a combined performance. They played and sang two popular New Year songs often heard in the streets during the festive season, which got many of the students humming and singing along.

After that, the concert took on a more cultural note as traditional items were presented. These included a Chinese martial arts and a Chinese dance performance. The Malay Dance performers were as usual at their best dancing a lively joget. Perhaps the highlight of the show was the presentation by two of our school teachers, Mdm Rohayah Majid and Mdm Liu Liping. To our delight, they were dressed in colourful costumes and gamely danced and sang a Mandarin song together. Mdm Rohayah, in particular, impressed all with her command of Mandarin!

The prize presentation which followed saw many happy faces as representatives of the various classes strode up the stage to receive their prizes for the Classroom Decoration Competition. This year, Sec

As in previous years, the festive occasion was also an opportunity to remember those who are less fortunate. This year, we shared the joy of the celebration with the old folk from the Kheng Chiu Lodge. At the end of the ceremony, our principal, Mrs Sng and members of the SAC, Mr Raymond Teo and Mr Koh Swee Hock, distributed oranges and hongbaos to our 15 guests, before inviting them to a hearty lunch.

Lee Zi Pei 2E5
Sylvia Tan Pei Fang 2E5
Li Ying 2E5



Over the last three weeks of Term 1, our Sec 1 and Sec 2 students were involved in Drama Enrichment Workshops organised by the EL Department. These workshops were conducted by professional actors and drama trainers from Cake Theatrical Productions, as part of their Education and Outreach Programme.

The workshops taught students basic drama skills through simple games, tableau construction, improvisation exercises, script work and role-playing. By encouraging students to make use of their mind, voice and body in expressing themselves, the workshops improved students' skills of concentration, teamwork, creative thinking and imagination. The workshops also taught students to share and appreciate new ideas and challenges and to be courageous in trying new experiences. The workshops also helped students gain more exposure to drama, as they will be expected to put up a short skit for the Literature mid-year exams. This is part

Drama Enrichment Workshop

of the school's push towards employing more alternative assessment modes, beyond pen-and-paper exams.

The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive. Many appreciated the more experiential modes of learning that were used. The workshops showed that learning could be both fun and enriching at the same time.

D&T Elective Module

This year, Secondary Three Normal Technical classes are offered three Electives – Motorcycle Repair and Maintenance, Hairstyling and Culinary Junior Chef Course. These classes which are held once a week, are very well received as they provide the students with the opportunity to learn a practical skill and to prepare them for the world of work.

The first batch of students for the Motorcycle Repair and Maintenance Course is made up of all boys but it is encouraging to see a number of boys in both the Hairstyling and the Culinary classes. Faisal of 3T1 was pleased that he had picked up a few recipes from his course and has even tried to make his own fish and chips at home. He certainly does not mind becoming a chef in the future as he knows some of the famous chefs in the world are males.

Mohd Faris and Mohd Haikal of 3T1, who attended the Motorcycle Repair and Maintenance Course agreed that it is useful to learn how to repair a motorcycle but Faris was doubtful if he would ride one. "It's too dangerous," he cautioned. Faris may not ride a motorbike in future but he may own a motorcycle workshop one day.



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Sec One Recruitment Drive

The Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) recruitment drive, held during the Secondary One Orientation on 7th January, was once again proved to be a blast this year. By 8am, stalls were already set up in the hall by different CCA members and teachers.

The day began with a presentation from the National Cadet Corps (NCC). They amazed the Secondary One students with a video clip of their adventure camps and other exciting activities organised in 2005. This was followed by a thrilling, if all too brief, drill performance.

The Girl Guides and the Art Club then introduced themselves through PowerPoint presentations, video clips and skits while the members of the Drama Club put up a humorous performance which highlighted their comedic talents.

The Choir was not to be outdone as they entertained the audience with their soothing voices while the Band enlivened proceedings by playing popular favourites such as 'That Thing you Do' by The Wonders.

The Malay Dance and the Chinese Dance troupes, as usual, impressed the audience with their graceful swan-like moves and resplendent costumes. St John Ambulance Brigade ended the concert with a perfect foot-drill.

The remaining hour was set aside to allow the Secondary One students to visit the different CCA stalls to find out more about what the various CCAs had to offer. The hall was as lively and noisy as a marketplace as the different stalls tried their best to enthruse the new students about merits of joining their respective CCAs.

The rainy day had certainly not dampened the spirits of the seniors and the newcomers. Much credit should go to all the CCA members and their teachers for putting up a splendid show to end the Secondary One Orientation on a high note.

Ang Wan Er 3E1
Malyanah Bte Manap 3E2

Mt Kinabalu

On 12 March, a group of 37 students and teachers set off on their first 5D4N trip to Mount Kinabalu. Mt. Kinabalu, Sabah, towers 4095.2 metres above the tropical rainforest and is the highest mountain in Southeast Asia. The Kinabalu Park there covers an area of 754 square kilometres.

On the first day, we all met in school at 7.30am and set off for Senai Airport. After the 2 hours of flight, we arrived at Kota Kinabalu Airport and proceeded to Rose Cabin where we stayed for a night. By the time we reached our hostel, it was evening already and the weather was so cool that it reminded me of Genting. We turned in early that night, as we had to get up early the following day for the assault.

It was 5am in the morning as we rushed for the only two toilets. We also managed to snap a few shots of the morning sunrise. It was truly beautiful. We had also noticed the colossal Mt. Kinabalu that we had to overcome after our breakfast and wondered if we would ever get there.

There were 5 mountain guides with us, one to take the lead, one to bring up the rear and the rest of them to spread themselves out among us. At first, we all moved along together. But as time went by and the trails became more gruelling we were spread out along the trail. The assault was beginning to take its toll on us.

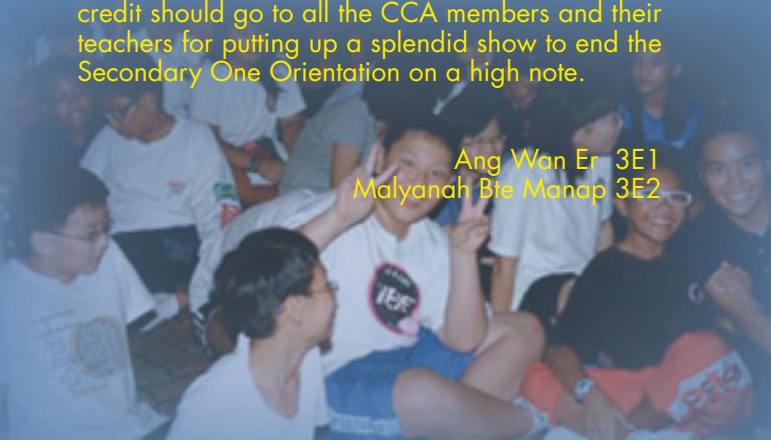
From Timpohon Gate, we hiked up to Laban Rata where we had our rest and dinner. But before we reached Laban Rata, we stopped by each shelter to take a rest. We had to nibble on our energy bars and refill our water bottles with icy cold water from the water tank. It was very refreshing.

At the rest house, we quickly checked in and changed into dry clothes and fell asleep in the bunks. The more daring ones tried to test the capability of the water heaters in the hope of anything but cold showers. After having dinner, all of us were so tired that we just dropped dead on our bunks till 2am the next day.

Waking up at 2am we prepared for the climb to the peak. It was anything but easy. We had to use torchlights as we climbed the unreliable stairs and rocky paths and braved the freezing cold temperature. Soon we had to pull ourselves using the white ropes up the granite rock faces. Not long after, we reached Sayat Sayat (check-point before ascending the Low's peak), the highest hostel and above it, the great granite Summit Plateau itself. An hour and a half from Sayat Sayat was what most of us took to the Low's Peak (4,092.5m), the highest peak in the mountain, just in time to view the sunrise from the summit. The magnificent sight made the climb worthwhile. However going down was much more arduous. Moreover, it had started to rain heavily and there was a thick fog which made the rocky surfaces much more slippery.

But looking back, the trip was no doubt tedious but one worth taking. This was certainly the place to learn valuable lessons in life – perseverance, courage, endurance, stamina and respect for Mother Nature. In all three teachers and twenty-nine students made it to the summit.

Cherie Ang, 4E5





The Environment Club's Green Efforts

Recently, the school was awarded the Palm Award, thanks to the Environment Club's efforts to inculcate a more environmental friendly attitude among East Springians. The Schools' Green Audit Project organized by the National Environment Agency, encouraged schools to evaluate the 'greenness' of their school and conduct research on areas for improvement to be more environmental friendly.

The club members' efforts in conducting surveys, investigations and interviews had certainly been recognized and their achievement has done the school proud.

Another project is still underway. The club is taking part in the National Weather Study Project which is jointly organized by National Environment Agency and Senoko Powers.

With over a hundred schools participating, the project aims to find out the impact of weather on our living environment. A mini weather station has been set up in our school and the students have been trained to use weather instruments and conduct investigative studies to find out the relationship between weather and our daily living.

We applaud and support the club's green efforts.



Congratulations to
Lee Si Ni class of 2005

We congratulate our very own Lee Si Ni, an East Springian from 2000 – 2003, for having excelled in the recent GCE 'A' Level examinations.

Si Ni scored 4 As in the 2005 GCE A examinations and felt that she owed part of her success to East Spring Secondary School, that had boosted her confidence to strive for excellence. She claimed, "I joined ESSS in 2000 with a PSLE T-score of less than 200. Naturally, I was disappointed and thought that I would not be able to achieve great things. But ESSS had allowed me to discover my abilities and the teachers here had helped me to see that I am capable of accomplishing more than what I thought I could. They never gave up on me."

East Zone Netball Tournament



On 9 March 2006, Bedok Indoor Stadium came to life as a bus load of East Springians thronged into it, proudly displaying our East Spring school flag. It was the iconic competition in which our "C" division girls competed with Tanjong Katong Girls' School in the East Zone Inter-School Netball finals.

Although the juniors were not able to defeat the more experienced opponents, the East Spring supporters were unfazed. They were full of praises for the way the girls tenaciously fought on. As a result, the match ended with a very commendable score of 22 for our juniors against 27 for our opponents.

The success of our young netballers augurs well for the future of netball in East Spring. Look out for them!

Our Campus Superstar

For the first time, our East Spring uniform is made known to viewers all over Singapore on national television. Our fellow East Springian, Ng Imm Khim, is a contestant on the talent show "Campus Superstar" on channel U every Monday night. Known as to be very friendly and affable, our choir member made it to the final twelve competitors. Despite being booted out of the competition early March as a result of viewers choice, she was not too disheartened.

"Actually I felt very happy to get into the top 20 in this competition...I've never thought of getting so far. But I really want to thank everyone who supported me in this competition. Even though I'm already eliminated, it's really good enough to get into the top 8 in this competition. I only lost to votes but I never lost to my score and marks...I'm really happy...no regrets. I want to thank my teachers family and friends that really supported me and I hope I have done the school proud."

Sh certainly has done us proud. Even Mrs Sng made an appeal to vote for Yee Khim on one morning assembly. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours in singing.

Edwin Choo, 3E2

Stars of East Spring

Teachers who taught Si Ni during her stay here remember her as a conscientious student with positive attitude towards work – not just in academic area, but also in sports. She was an active and enthusiastic netball player who believed that balancing studies with CCA can help to make one become more effective.

Si Ni acknowledges that home support is essential for one's success but ultimately, the results that we produce will come from our own effort. Her word of advice to all East Springians is: "Stay positive and confident. Don't be discouraged by setbacks in our life. Stay focused in our pursuit of excellence and be disciplined in all areas of our work. ESSS can be the place where our aspirations become reality, only if we adopt the right attitude and mindset."