



# PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share our students' academic progress and aesthetics achievements with you. Our Uniformed Groups also participated in a meaningful service learning activity.

## Academic Achievements

### Science Buskers Festival Audition

On 24 May, four teams of Secondary 2 students participated in the annual Science Buskers Festival audition at the Singapore Science Centre. The festival encourages the development of students' communication skills through the expression of science in a creative manner.

The students demonstrated Chemistry and Physics experiments which were beyond what was taught in their Lower Secondary Science syllabus. The experiments were on iodine clock, refractive index, elephant toothpaste and making cloud in a bottle.



PSS students demonstrating their experiment to the judges

### *Student's Reflection*

*"For many weeks, the Science Buskers stayed back after school to plan and rehearse for the audition. We learnt many new Science concepts and chemical equations beyond our Secondary 2 Science syllabus. Besides learning Science, we also learnt how to work as a team. We faced many difficulties when preparing for the audition. The teachers (Mr Roy Tan, Ms Debbie Teo and Mr Jonathan Ng) gave us their support by providing us with materials and suggestions and made this learning experience a fruitful one." - Rashika Rajendran, 2D*



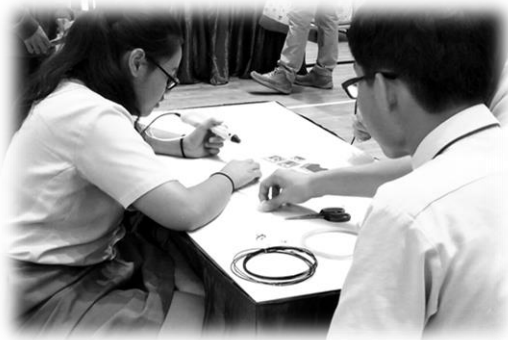
Our Secondary 2 Science Buskers

### ignITE Science Challenge

ignITE Science Challenge is a platform for normal course students to apply their hands-on skills to innovate and prepare them for the 21st Century. Three of our students participated in this competition and were amongst the eight schools selected for the finals. Although they did not attain the top 3 placing, the enriching experience had helped our students to realise the various opportunities that await them after their secondary school education.



Our students looking at previous samples and discussing how they want to do their model later



Competition time



Our students' model 'Dynamite' (second from top right)

International C.B Paul Science Quiz

Eight lower secondary students and four upper secondary students participated in the 39th International C.B Paul Science Quiz 2017 held on 5 April 2017. This annual event is organised by the Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC) Science and Mathematics Council, the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and National University of Singapore (NUS). The event aims to provide a platform for students to develop their aptitude in Sciences and Mathematics through critical thinking.

Our Punggolites rose to the challenge and clinched four Bronze awards. Congratulations to Sumalinog Patricia from Class 2A, Keith Pang from Class 2D, Narengautham Govindaraj from Class 2D and Niviya D/O Parkash from Class 4A. Niviya and Patricia were also awarded the Science Talent Award.



Winners of the International C.B Paul Science Quiz

**Aesthetics Achievements – Singapore Youth Festival**

Modern Dance

Our Modern Dance participated in the Singapore Youth Festival in two categories, Chinese and International. Our performances were about the vibrancy and energy of youth, welcoming the season with a majestic feel. Our performances also showcased the community spirit with inspirational moves.

After months of tiring and gruelling practice sessions, we managed to bag the 'Certificate of Accomplishment' for both items.



International Dance



Chinese Dance

Band

Under the baton of Ms Ten Rong Rong, the Band achieved a Certificate of Accomplishment in the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (SYF) 2017. The students' hard work, determination and resilience paid off, and they will persevere to attain greater heights.



Band members with their conductor Ms Ten

Choir

Under the guidance from our choral instructor, Mr Marcus Lee, Punggol Secondary School Choir had once again attained the Certificate of Distinction in the recent Singapore Youth Festival Presentation 2017. Besides singing the set piece titled "Bunga Sayang", the Choir also sang "Carpe Diem" written by Jude B Roldan, and "If music be the food of love" by Henry Purcell. PGSS Choir hopes to continuously approach music with a sense of adventure and bring music to people passionately.



Group photo outside SOTA

English Literary Drama and Debate Society

Members of the English Literary Drama and Debate Society (ELDDS) participated in the Singapore Youth Festival (Drama) to showcase their talents through a dramatic work. They reworked the whimsical cast from the classic 'Alice in Wonderland' to portray the problems that exist in the lives of teenagers today. The passion and energy displayed by the actors on stage were commendable, and ELDDS members clinched the Certificate of Accomplishment for their performance.





ELDDS members

Tamil Language Dance and Debate Society

15 students from TLDDS participated in the Singapore Youth Festival this year. The students danced to a song titled "Shiva Shiva Shankara" from Damarukam. The song is about the power and greatness of Lord Shiva which is composed by Devi Sri Prasad. Their energetic performance clinched the Certificate of Accomplishment.



TLDDS dance performance

**Values-In-Action**

Uniformed Groups Food Donation Drive

On 20 May, the four Uniformed Groups (UG) came together for the Annual Uniformed Group Camp. One of the highlights of the camp was the Food Donation Drive. UG members worked with the Volunteer Welfare Organisation, The Food Bank, and raised a total of \$6110 from the whole school. With the money raised, the school was able to pledge 591 food packs for the elderly and needy staying in Ang Mo Kio. This far exceeded the initial target of 300 food packs. The UG members took part in the packing and distribution of the food packs to the beneficiaries. Through this meaningful service learning activity, the students exhibited our school values, played a part in giving back to the society and increased their civic responsibility.



Briefing by a representative from The Food Bank



Students preparing the food packs for the elderly and needy