



Overseas Family School

Elementary School

Master Policy:

To maintain a happy, safe and effective school for overseas families living in Singapore

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

As we head into the final stretch of this quarter and academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share all the exciting things that have been happening at school. Again, April proved to be a busy month! We celebrated Earth Week with our focus on Sustainable Development Goal 12 (SDG 12): Responsible Consumption and Production, with a spotlight on Zero Food Waste. Our teachers and Grade 5 JSC students helped raise greater awareness on the importance of reducing food waste with events such as a Clean Plate pledge to promote mindful eating as well as a friendly competition in our dining hall to see which grades finished their lunches with little to no waste. Some students in Grade 4 created related themed posters that tied in with their IPC unit "Going Global". It was great to see our students enjoying their Earth Week Dress Up day to show their love for the planet.

Our Grade 5 students also recently embarked on their first school camp, another milestone in their Elementary School journey! Through a series of "challenge by choice" activities, students were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones at their own pace to build their confidence, resilience and independence. We also ended the month with our annual Global Picnic, a true celebration of cultures within our school community. Our heartfelt thanks to the Parent Association, OFS parents, staff and students who worked tirelessly to make this a successful event.

In the coming weeks, it is an equally exciting time for our specialist teachers, as they look forward to hosting Mathematics Week, Sports mornings, Art exhibitions and Global Concerts. Our Grade 1 and Grade 5 teachers will continue to remain busy to ensure a smooth transition for our K2 students coming into Elementary School as well as for our Grade 5 students going into Middle School.

As this will be the final newsletter for Academic Year 2024-25, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and wish our Grade 5 students all the very best as they embark on the next phase of their educational journey into Middle School. To our students and families departing OFS, I hope you will take with you happy and positive memories of our school with you. As we move into our June-July holidays, I wish all our families a very well-deserved break and I look forward to seeing everyone in our new academic year.



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Yearbook 2025 will be available at the School Shop from 28 May 2025

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

As the academic year draws to a close, the PA wishes all of you a very happy and safe summer. We hope you have enjoyed the events we organised this year, and look forward to seeing all of you again during the "Welcome All New Parents Coffee Morning".

Date: Thursday, 14 August 2025
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Venue: Parent Lounge
(Level 4 of the Administration Building)

Library News



It has been a great year in the library. Through their library lessons, students have developed their skills as library users, researchers and thinkers. They have learned to select books that suit their interests and abilities, giving them a sense of ownership as a reader. Recently students enjoyed voting for their favourite book in the Singapore wide 'Red Dot Book Awards'. I encourage students to keep reading during the holiday. If you are staying in Singapore, please consider membership to our amazing public libraries. Wishing you all an enjoyable break and happy reading!

(Catherine Kmet)

Important Dates:

20 May	Grade 1 Sports morning
21 May	Grade 5 Sports morning
22 May	Grade 2 Sports morning
23 May	Grade 3 Sports morning
26-30 May	Mathematics Week
2 June	Grade 5 Graduation
5 June	Last day of school (Academic Year 2024-2025)
11 August	First day of school (Academic Year 2025-2026)



Grade 1 News

Our Grade 1 students are currently immersed in their final IPC unit, "The Stories People Tell", where we are discovering many different legends, myths, fables, and fairy tales. We are exploring storytelling through various mediums, including written narratives, music, art, and dramatic performance. In Language Arts, we are focusing on the structure of a narrative, emphasising the story elements and including a clear beginning, middle, and end. We hope you were delighted by the Global Concert performances at our recent concert; the children put in a lot of effort into practices and were excited to share their performances with you. The teaching team is incredibly proud of the students' progress and achievements throughout this academic year. From the Grade 1 team, we extend our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support of both our students and teachers. On behalf of the entire Grade 1 team, we wish you a joyful, safe, and restful holiday.

(Emma Phelps)



Grade 2 News



We travelled back in time to the period of the dinosaurs through our IPC unit "Footprints From The Past". Students became palaeontologists at the science lab to excavate little dinosaurs from moulds. They researched the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods to understand how the earth has changed over time. We also looked at the life of the famous palaeontologists to learn about their contributions to the field of palaeontology. Learning about fossils, extinction theories and the continental drift gave our students a wholesome experience of this exciting IPC unit. As the academic year draws to a close, we take this opportunity to thank all our OFS families for their support. We wish you all a safe and fun-filled summer holiday and to all the Grade 2 students, good luck in Grade 3 and keep up all the hard work.

(Sameerata Prakash)

Grade 3 News



The end of the academic year is fast approaching and the Grade 3 students are thoroughly enjoying their learning journeys. In our final Unit of Work, "Vanishing Rainforests", students have been exploring rainforests and their inhabitants, biodiversity, and the impact of human activity. In Language Arts, we are focusing on crafting persuasive texts, using appropriate structure and language features. As we wrap up the year, the Grade 3 teachers are proud of the students' amazing efforts and personal goals demonstrated throughout the year. We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in August.

(Hayley Kinnaird)

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Grade 4 News



We cannot believe we are almost at the end of the school year. What a great year we have all had in Grade 4. We have been busy with the IPC Investigators unit which has involved many visits to the science lab. The students have taken on the role as scientists and showed their understanding of the scientific method and how to create a fair test. In Language Arts the students have produced procedure reports and this has linked in very well with the experiments they have carried out in the science lab. They understand the importance of writing clear and precise instructions to ensure the task is completed correctly. Module 5 saw the students drawing and measuring different types of angles using protractors for the first time. On behalf of all the Grade 4 teachers it has been a pleasure teaching your children and seeing them grow and develop over the years. They have all displayed many of the IPC Personal Goals throughout the year and we wish them all the best for Grade 5.

(Guy Watts)

Physical Education (PE)

This term in PE, we will be focusing on 'Ball Games' like Basketball, Football, and Volleyball, and 'Target Games' to build accuracy and control. Lunchtime Sports – 'Handball' is heating up for Grades 4/5 as inter-class finals approach. It has been great to see students unite as classes, demonstrating many of our own personal goals such as collaboration and resilience. We are also gearing up for our Semester Two Sports Morning – a fun way to wrap up a high-energy year in PE and Sport at OFS!

(Mark Sherwin)

Annual Uniform & Stationery Sale – Academic Year 2025-2026

No purchases without recently issued OFS Security Pass. Please contact the school at **6738 0211** if you have not received your pass.

ONLINE ORDER

Duration: From Monday, 14 July to Tuesday, 5 August 2025

Website: <https://www.ofs.edu.sg/my-ofs/schoolshop/OnlineSchoolShop.jsp>

Delivery service is available at S\$30.00 per trip.

ON-SITE SALE

Duration: From Monday, 28 July to Friday, 15 August 2025

Venue: OFS School Shop located at Level 2, Administration Block A

Important: All purchases will be charged to your Family Account only.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2025/annual-uniform-stationery-sale/>

Grade 5 News

To wrap up their Grade 5 year on a high note, students enjoyed a memorable and successful camp at Changi and Pulau Ubin, taking part in a range of team-building activities that strengthened friendships and created lasting memories. Our final IPC unit, "Fairgrounds", allowed students to explore the science behind the thrills of amusement parks. They investigated forces such as friction, circuits, and took a deeper look at Newton's Three Laws. A highlight was conducting hands-on experiments in the Science Lab. This unit complemented our Language Arts focus on explanation writing, where students explored how and why various fairground rides function. Adding to the excitement, students shone on stage at the final Elementary Global Concert and had a blast during the Grade 5 Sports Morning. We are excited to celebrate our students' achievements at the Grade 5 Graduation. On behalf of the Grade 5 teaching team, thank you to all parents for your incredible support throughout the year. All the best to our students as they embark on their new journey in Middle School.

(Karla Kleist)



Music News

The past month has been full of amazing musical performances and we are extremely proud of all our OFS students. Our Global Concerts showcased the cultural diversity within our school community. Through songs and dances from around the world, our students developed an appreciation for the connection between music, dance, and cultural identity. We also had our Performing Arts Concert where our talented soloists and ensemble groups took to the stage for an evening of inspiring musical performances. Thank you all for your unwavering support and we look forward to many more exciting musical events in the next academic year.

(Kevin McCabe)



OFS Tigers



The OFS Tigers continue to progress and compete at the highest levels of sport at ACSIS Conference, Singapore National and World international levels.

OFS have been absolutely on fire, showing incredible skill, dedication, and teamwork that has earned them recognition in a wide range of sports and cementing the OFS name as one of the strongest sporting outfits in the country.

The Junior Swimming team has made us incredibly proud, being crowned the TOP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TEAM IN SINGAPORE at the recent Singapore Nationals! The swimmers have broken ACSIS and National records and achieved their biggest medal haul to date. OFS Swimmers qualified for and competed at the Swimming World Cup and have been selected to represent Singapore at the forthcoming South East Asia (AG) Championships. The swimmers this year have broken ACSIS as well as National records - some that have stood for 23 years!

In addition to the swimmers, the OFS Tigers have National Champion and National Gold Medalists among them.

Our OFS Tigers ACSIS teams have been dominant. Crowned as ACSIS Champions in everything from Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Gymnastics, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Volleyball as well as achieving top 3 positions in Cricket Netball, Rugby and Volleyball. The Academic Year 2024-2025 saw the return of (Middle School) Track and Field as well as Softball to ACSIS competitions – while also increasing the provision for Badminton, Basketball, Football, Netball and Tennis.

The bar is set very high moving into the next academic year as we seek out new opportunities and new challenges for our strongest teams.

All these fantastic achievements will be celebrated at the OFS Tigers Annual Sports Awards at the end of May, where we will be recognizing the outstanding contributions of our athletes, coaches and teams. Trophies for the Most Valuable, Most Improved, Tigers Spirit, Team of the Year, and Coach of the Year are up for grabs with the highlight of the evening being the crowning of the OFS Tigers Sportsperson of the Year trophy, awarded to the athlete who has demonstrated exceptional sporting excellence, leadership, and school spirit. It is going to be an unforgettable night celebrating our exceptional students, teams, coaches and school. Here's to many more victories and achievements!

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)

Art News



What a great way to end our Academic Year with a vibrant showcase of all of our Elementary students' artwork on display in our Semester 2 Grade 1 to 5 Art Exhibition. It is always fantastic to see so many excited children and families discussing the creations and admiring others' artworks too. We continued to make exciting art in class, ranging from Fairground games to story box dioramas, to realistic dinosaurs, printmaking and camouflaged animals. Ms. Wendy and I wish everybody an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing our returning students for more art adventures next academic year!

(Jennifer Freeman)

Educational Intervention Services

Movement matters—especially in learning! As adults, we know how hard it is to concentrate when we are stuck sitting too long. Children feel it too, and their need for movement is even greater. That is why many classrooms are now offering flexible seating and increased movement opportunities. Wobble stools, floor cushions, standing desks, and sensory paths are not just fun—they help children regulate their energy and maintain focus. Home tips: Try incorporating some movement, like a short walk, animal walks, or jumping jacks, before starting homework to help your child regulate their energy and focus more effectively. If you have concerns about your child's attention or regulation, an Occupational Therapist can help.

(Rosa Devaney)

Languages News

The Foreign Language (FL) and Mother Tongue programs at our school concluded the academic year on a high note. The highlight was the Languages Assembly, where Grade 2 students took center stage to share their linguistic and cultural journeys. The assembly saw enthusiastic participation across various languages. German, Spanish, and French students charmed the audience with recitations of poems and insightful presentations about the traditions of Easter and the arrival of spring in their respective cultures. The Mandarin students brought joy with a delightful song and dance performance centered around the beloved Giant Panda. Our Hindi students delivered a meaningful song emphasizing the values of resilience and collaboration. Adding a touch of innovation, Spanish students presented fascinating information about Spanish and Argentinian inventions. The Mother Tongue students also embraced the festive season by celebrating Easter within their respective language groups, further enriching their understanding of diverse cultural practices. Following the global theme of "Zero Hunger" for Earth Day, students creatively expressed their commitment to this important cause. They designed impactful posters in their chosen Foreign Language or Mother Tongue, demonstrating their linguistic skills while raising awareness about food security. The students have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, and this has undoubtedly been a successful language learning journey for them.

(Monica Makkar and Roger Calais)

