



Overseas Family School

Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,



April has been especially vibrant with highlights such as the recent Global Picnic which was a huge success. Thanks to all the volunteers from the Parents Association, the staff and the students. Well done to our four semi-finalists from Grade 4 and 5 for their participation in the first inter-schools Spelling Bee Competition, which showcased the confidence and talent of our students. Congratulations to Hyder Jalal, Swara Ramaswamy, Shanaya Agarwal and Karen Chopra. Our Grade 5 students also had a wonderful opportunity to meet Mr. Morris Gleitzman, world-renowned children's author from Australia. We were also fortunate to engage with Science Centre Singapore for their portable planetarium program. Much to the students' excitement, the Grade 5 students were able to participate in a virtual tour of the solar system. The momentum continues into May, with more exciting events ahead including our Global Concerts, Art Exhibition, Math Week, Sports Mornings and Family Teams Chess tournament.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our students, staff, and parents for the hard work, dedication, and support shown throughout the year. It has been a collective effort, and the growth we see in our students is a reflection of this strong partnership.

As we move into the final weeks of school, I encourage all students to stay focused and continue to give their best effort as they finish the year.

As this will be the final newsletter for Academic Year 2025-26, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and wish our Grade 5 students every success as they prepare to transition to Middle School.

To our students and families departing OFS, thank you for being an important part of our school community. 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. Thank you once again for a fantastic year!

Penny Liew
Elementary School Principal
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Yearbook 2026 will be available at the School Shop from 28 May 2026

Annual Uniform & Stationery Sale – Academic Year 2026-2027

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, 13 July to Wednesday, 5 August 2026
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, 27 July to Friday, 14 August 2026
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/2026/annual-uniform-stationery-sale/>

| Important Dates: |
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| 23 May 2026 – Family Teams Chess Tournament |
| 18 May 2026 – Grade 4 Sports morning |
| 19 May 2026 – Grade 1 Sports morning |
| 20 May 2026 – Grade 3 Sports morning |
| 21 May 2026 – Grade 2 Sports morning |
| 22 May 2026 – Grade 5 Sports morning |
| 25-29 May 2026 – Mathematics Week |
| 3 June 2026 – Grade 5 Graduation |
| 5 June 2026 – Last day of school (Academic Year 2025-2026) |
| 11 August 2026 – First day of school (Academic Year 2026-2027) |



Spelling Bee ES contestants



From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

Congratulations to all our graduating students from High School, Middle School, Elementary School, and Kindergarten! We are so proud of all your hard work and achievements. We also wish all students the very best in their exams and hope everyone receives wonderful results. A big thank you to all our teachers for their dedication and support throughout the year. Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and relaxing holiday! See you in August!

Grade 1 News

Our Grade 1 students have been immersed in their final IPC Unit of Work, "The Stories People Tell," exploring fairy tales, legends, myths, fables and more. We have delved into storytelling across multiple mediums, such as written narratives, music and art. In Language Arts, we are focusing on narrative structure and key story elements. We hope you enjoyed the recent Global Concert; the children were so proud to perform for you. The teaching team is incredibly proud of the students' progress and achievements throughout this academic year. Thank you for your unwavering support of our school community. We wish you a joyful, safe, and restful holiday!

(Emma Phelps)



Grade 2 News



Our last IPC Unit of Work for this academic year, "Footprints From The Past", takes us back in time to the period of the dinosaurs. As a part of the Entry Point, students excavated fossils to learn the skills a palaeontologist needs to use while working with fossils. To understand that the past can be considered in terms of different time periods, students explored the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods and plotted them on a timeline. In Language Arts, students are engaging with poetry by exploring elements such as rhythm, rhyme, imagery, and expression. They have been enjoying creating a variety of poems, including haiku, diamante, cinquain, and acrostic forms. As the academic year draws to a close, we wish all the Grade 2 students the very best in Grade 3. Keep up the good work. We take the opportunity to thank all our OFS families for their support to Grade 2 this year. We wish you a happy and safe holiday.

(Sameerata Prakash)

Grade 3 News



Grade 3 students have been exploring their final IPC Unit of Work, "Vanishing Rainforests", developing their understanding of the importance of rainforests in our daily lives and how we can protect them. To deepen this learning, students visited the Singapore Zoo's Fragile Rainforest, linking directly to the unit as they explored habitats and observed animals up close. In Language Arts, students developed persuasive writing skills by forming arguments, giving reasons and using examples to support their ideas. We hope you enjoyed the Global Concert; the children loved performing for you! The Grade 3 teachers are proud of the students' achievements and would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday!

(Amber Foley)

Languages News

As we reach the conclusion of this school year, it is the perfect time to celebrate the incredible journey of growth and discovery our students have undertaken. This has been an exceptionally productive and inspiring month for our language learners, marked by a beautiful blend of cultural celebration and environmental advocacy. From the high energy of our G2 and G3 Mother Tongue and Foreign Language assemblies—where students dazzled audiences with everything from fun facts about Spain, Brazil, and Portugal, to singing Japanese spring songs, dramatic French roleplays, and a Hindi presentation on the IPC Unit of Work, 'Land, Sea and Sky'—to our focused participation in Earth Week, the students have shown incredible growth. By designing posters and slogans centered on "Our Power, Our Planet" and investigating renewable energy resources, they successfully bridged their linguistic skills with global responsibility. In other news, some of our Dutch students celebrated King's Day with the Dutch Ambassador at a wonderful reception where they sang the national anthem. Back at school they were treated to donuts from the ambassador as well. We wish all our students and families a restful, joyful summer break and look forward to seeing the amazing things they will achieve in the year to come!

(Monica Makkar and Roger Calais)



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Grade 4 News



I 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 Unit of Work "Investigators" 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 year. They have all displayed many of the IPC Personal Goals as the year has gone on and we wish them all the best for Grade 5.

(Guy Watts)

International Primary Curriculum

The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) uses a structured approach to assessment which is designed to promote significant learning, strong knowledge retention, and the essential skill of retrieval practice. A key feature of assessment within the IPC units is the focus on assessing knowledge, skills and understanding. Within each unit of work, assessment is continuous and seamlessly integrated into the learning experiences. Teachers use a variety of strategies, including direct observation, strategic questioning, discussions and written knowledge assessments. The feedback provided to students is prompt, constructive, and designed to encourage students to take ownership for their own academic progress. Assessment information is shared with parents via the school portal, through parent-student-teacher conferences, academic reports and focused meetings with individual teachers, as required.

(Shalini Maira)

Physical Education (PE)

As we bring an exciting year of Physical Education to a close, students are ending the term by focusing on Ball Games—such as basketball, football, and volleyball—as well as Target Games to further develop their accuracy and control. We are also looking forward to our Semester Two Sports Morning, which will provide a fun and energetic way to celebrate a year filled with movement, teamwork, and school spirit. The Lunchtime Sports program concluded on a high note, featuring handball for Grade 4 and football for Grade 5. Over the course of the year, students consistently demonstrated the IPC Personal Goals, including collaboration, resilience, adaptability, respect, and communication, both during lessons and in sports activities. Their growth, effort, and achievements in PE have been impressive, and families should feel proud of their progress. As the school year comes to an end, we wish everyone a safe, active, and enjoyable summer break!

(Christopher Eng)

Grade 5 News

Students ended their Grade 5 year on a high note with a memorable camp at Changi and Pulau Ubin, building strong friendships and lasting memories. In our final IPC Unit of Work, "Mission to Mars", they explored how factors such as soil, atmosphere, and temperature impact human survival, supported by hands-on science experiments. They then applied their learning in explanation writing by creating a Mars Survival Guide. Students also performed wonderfully at the Elementary Global Concert and enjoyed Sports Morning. We wish them every success as they transition to Middle School, and thank all parents for their continued support throughout the year.

(Karla Kleist)



Art News

Once again we end our academic year with a vibrant celebration of all of our Elementary students' artwork in our Semester 2 Art Exhibition. I am sure that students enjoyed sharing their creations with their families and friends. We continued



to make exciting art in class, ranging from masks to creating a 3D story, to pop up pictures, collagraphy and camouflaged animals. Ms. Wendy, Ms. Heidi and I wish everybody an enjoyable break, and I would like to say a fond farewell to all my current and past students as I head home to Australia after 8 amazing years at OFS!

(Jennifer Freeman)

Chess News

Checkmate to Racism – A Global Chess Celebration of Unity

Our students were proud to take part in this year's international "Checkmate to Racism" online event. A total of 108 OFS students from ES, MS and HS joined more than 350 children across 25 teams from around the world- including Hong Kong, Singapore, Sri Lanka, India, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Cyprus, Germany, Spain, Great Britain, Morocco, Suriname, Argentina, Venezuela, the British Virgin Islands, the USA, Costa Rica, and El Salvador-spanning 14 time zones. Beyond an excellent result, joint 3rd place, the event carried a powerful message: standing together against racism through respect, friendship and unity. Chess showed us that borders disappear when children play together. To close this wonderful school year, we hosted our OFS Family Team Chess Tournament on Saturday 23 May. We were excited to see parents and children come together, playing side by side, sharing moments of joy, teamwork and connection.

(Dijana Dengler and Philipp Ziegler)



Library News



As we wrap up a wonderful year in the Elementary School Library, it has been a joy to see students grow as confident, curious readers. This year, we have shared many special moments - author visits, themed displays, and library lessons that encouraged questioning, creativity, and a love of stories. It has been especially rewarding to watch students make connections between what they read and the world around them. A sincere thank you to families for supporting reading at home and encouraging regular library use. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference in building lifelong readers. Over the holiday break, please encourage your child to keep reading—books, comics, or magazines all count! Just a little reading each day helps maintain skills and spark imagination. Students can access books on Get Epic! and membership to the NLB Libraries is a source of fantastic print and e-books. Wishing you a relaxing holiday filled with great stories. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to the library next year.

(Catherine Kmet)

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.

(Maya Mitsuyasu)

Sports News

Tigers Make a Splash at Swimming Nationals!

Our swimmers delivered a dominant performance at Nationals this June. Across both the Junior (June 13–15) and Senior (June 17–22) events, the team saw incredible improvement, with 17 of 21 Seniors and 4 of 6 Juniors clocking brand-new personal best times! A special congratulations to our National Finalists: Tia Steere, Jill Meines, Sanat Sanat, Shiv Banerjee, and Ahilya Awasthi. Great job, Tigers!

Season 3 Update: Go Tigers!

Season 3 is off to an incredible start! Our teams are competing with heart, building fantastic chemistry, and it's been wonderful to see so many athletes learning new sports for the first time.

- Top Effort: I am so proud of our Tigers' grit and growth.
- Expert Coaching: A huge thank you to our coaches for their dedication and for pushing our athletes to be their best.

Keep up the great momentum!

(Bruce Shang – Head of Athletics)



Spelling Bee

We started our inaugural Spelling Bee journey back in January with approximately one hundred keen Grade 4 and Grade 5 students. Through numerous lunchtime rounds, this was reduced to just four students. Shanaya, Karen, Swara and Hyder worked hard during study and practice sessions in preparation for the Honey Kids Asia Spelling Bee Semi Finals on April 30th where they took to the stage to compete against students from three other international schools. Our star spellers showed incredible focus, grit, and dedication as they tackled some truly tricky words on stage; it takes a lot of courage to stand up and compete. While we did not make it through to the final, our students gave it their best shot, and represented our school with pride.

(Catherine Kmet and Kate Pegum)