



# Overseas Family School Middle School

## Master Policy:

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

## Principal's Message

As the school year draws to a close, it is wonderful to take a moment to look back on everything we have accomplished together and celebrate the growth of our students.

A huge congratulations to our Grade 8 class as you prepare to step into your next academic chapter! Your perseverance and spirit over the past year have been truly impressive. While you are moving on to new challenges, remember that you are only a few floors away! You will always be a part of this community, and our doors are always open for a visit. We cannot wait to see what you achieve next.

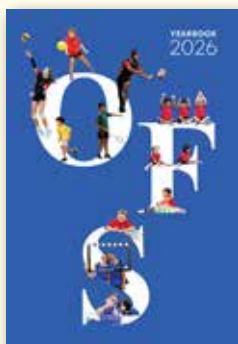
What a spectacular run for the Middle School production of *The Wind in the Willows*! The dedication shown by our students since August culminated in a truly memorable performance. A heartfelt well done to everyone involved, and a special thank you to the teachers who spent countless hours behind the scenes making the magic happen.

With the holidays just around the corner, I encourage everyone to prioritise time for relaxation and family. It has been a whirlwind year of learning, and this break is the ideal time to switch off and recharge your batteries. Dare I suggest that students put down their devices and pick up a good book?

Finally, thank you to our parents for your continued partnership, to our teachers for their unwavering commitment, and to our students for the energy they bring to school every day.

Wishing you a fantastic end to the term and a restful, happy holiday!

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Yearbook 2026 will be available at the School Shop from 28 May 2026

## 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!

## 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, our OFS Family Team Chess Tournament was a special celebration. It brought together parents and children, playing side by side, sharing moments of joy, teamwork and connection.

*(Dijana Dengler and Philipp Ziegler – Chess Teachers)*

## 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/>



## Deputy Principal's Message



As we approach the final days of the school year, we want to take a moment to celebrate our Middle School students. It has been a truly remarkable year, filled with growth, energy, and a shared passion for learning. From the adventure of Grade Camps to the roar of the crowd at Sports Days and the standing ovations for our Performers, our students have truly made the most of every moment.

We are currently in the midst of our Semester 2 Examination Week. While the word "exam" can feel daunting, we view these assessments as an essential part of the learning journey. They are a valuable opportunity for students to build effective study habits and gain confidence in a formal setting. More importantly, they allow our students to showcase the academic milestones they have reached throughout the year. We wish everyone the best of luck—you have got this!

It is a bittersweet time as we prepare to bid farewell to our Grade 8 students. We look back on their contributions with immense pride and nostalgia. We look forward to celebrating their journey during the upcoming Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony and Prom.

While we say goodbye to some, we are already preparing a warm welcome for our incoming Grade 5 families this August. We cannot wait to see the new energy you bring to the Middle School!

On behalf of the Middle School team, we wish all our families a safe, restful, and sun-filled break. Thank you for your continued partnership, and we eagerly look forward to seeing you all again in August!

*(Hayley Brian – Middle School Deputy Principal)*

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## Middle School Theatre Production of Wind in the Willows

Our recent production of 'Wind in the Willows' was a resounding success, truly making a splash with audiences and proving to be nothing short of river-markable. The cast delivered outstanding performances, bringing these much-loved characters to life with confidence, charm and just the right amount of theatrical mischief. From Toad's wonderfully wild antics to the steady, warm-hearted presence of Mole and Rat, every performance was in fine current and flowed beautifully from start to finish.

Students showed excellent teamwork both on and off the stage, navigating rehearsals with determination and good humour. Their dedication really paid off, resulting in a production that was polished, engaging and full of life. It is clear this talented group are going places! No need for Mr Toad's motorcar to get them there! A truly toad-ally fantastic achievement, and one the entire cast should be very proud of!

*(Lisa Youngson – Academic Coordinator)*



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## Grade 6 Field Trip to Tekka Centre and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)

To bridge their Q3 and Q4 Interdisciplinary Units, Grade 6 students visited Tekka Hawker Centre and the URA Singapore City Gallery. Their Q4 IDU investigates how and when cultural and natural heritage should be protected and preserved — and whether UNESCO recognition is the most effective way to do so. Singapore’s hawker culture was awarded UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage status in 2020, making Tekka Centre the perfect living classroom to evaluate the award firsthand. Students explored which aspects of cultural heritage are being preserved, whether the award was truly deserved, and what more could be done to preserve it. Most returned ready to argue their case — and they did, delivering speeches that not only defended the award but proposed fresh ideas for sustaining hawker culture into the future.

The URA Singapore City Gallery served as a culminating activity for their Q3 unit on sustainable cities. Through an Amazing Race across the gallery, students gathered real-world inspiration that they will draw on later in the year when they design their own sustainable future city.

The skills and perspectives developed through this experience will prove invaluable at their upcoming MUN conference, where students will apply this same critical lens to other examples of natural and cultural heritage around the world that are in need of protection.

*(Jessica Purchase – SAL Individual and Societies)*





## Athletics Department

### 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, 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 has 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)*



## Middle School Service Club

During the month of April, the MS Service Club was once again very active. Firstly, the Grade 8 students went to the Willing Hearts food charity helping in various ways to prepare meals that would be sent out for lunch and dinner that day to needy families. From tasks such as chopping and sorting vegetables, preparing hundreds of rice boxes for the giant steaming machines and meticulously washing food preparation trays (to name but a few) the time spent was very useful and our students were much appreciated for their good work ethic.

The club held a Staff Appreciation event after school on April 15th. The aim was to visit different sections of the school community and to hand over a hand made (by the whole club) 'Thank you' card, give a short speech to show student gratitude to the representatives present and, where possible, hand over a small token of their appreciation. The students realise that the OFS community is made up of many people who, on a daily basis through their jobs, help the students both directly and indirectly. Those visited were very grateful for the actions and sentiments behind the event.

*(Jessica Purchase – SAL Individual and Societies)*

