

Kudos from our Parents and Lasallians:

1) Dear Mrs Sing,

I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude and appreciation towards all Primary 6 Christopher teachers who taught my daughter, Chepurthy Varnika(6C). I am very indebted to Ms Annie Tan, Mrs Durka Devi, Ms Lim Hwee Hong for encouraging Varnika and clearing her doubts whenever needed with all the patience. As Varnika never attended any tuition classes, she solely depended on the class lessons. There are instances where Varnika was at the back of the teachers, troubling them in the midst of their busy schedules. However, all the teachers supported her and provided valuable guidance whenever needed. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all the Lasallian Leadership Board teachers who imparted good moral values and leadership skills. JDLS trip was an eye opener for her and she got so emotional and attached to the kids at the orphanage that she took a promise from us that she would go to visit the kids again next year and would like to serve them. As parents we really appreciate the kind of efforts the school is putting in to bring out the best character in kids. From the heart, I would like to thank you and your team for shaping my daughter and getting her ready to face the secondary school with confidence. May god bless all the teachers.

Thanking you

Warm Regards
Soma Premaleela (Varnika's mother)

2) Happy Teachers' Day to Mr Fairuz

As we celebrate Teacher's Day today, it is a golden opportunity for me to affirm one of your teachers, Mr Fairuz. From the bottom of our hearts, my husband and I would like to thank Mr Fairuz for being the awesome teacher to our son, Benjamin since Pr 5.

Mr Fairuz has been a gem to the pupils in his class. Apart from being a very IT savvy teacher, he is also sincere, caring and understanding. He has been very patient with our son and has always given him the space to admit his mistakes and time to repent. As a retired teacher myself, I often hear from parents of my pupils about how I have influenced them and that whatever my instructions were, the pupils would obeyed. I was never very convinced about this until my own son who would continually lamented daily on what Mr Fairuz had taught and said to him. Every simple thing Mr Fairuz said would be remembered and repeated. Mr Fairuz had impacted Benjamin in many ways. We cannot be thankful enough for the numerous occasions where he sent phone messages for reminders and the constant and efficient updated class blog on a weekly basis. Many teachers come and go in Benjamin's life but Mr Fairuz would be the one teacher whom he would find hard to forget.

Here's wishing all the teachers in De La Salle a very happy Teacher's Day and especially to Mr Fairuz!

Best regards, Mrs Janette Lee

3) In Deep Appreciation of Ms Grace Looi

Celebrating teachers' day has taken a whole new meaning for our family in our deep appreciation of Ms Grace Looi Xin Ye. A good teacher is one who has the skill set to meet the academic needs of her students. But a great teacher is one who will go beyond the academics to help parents in nurturing and guiding her students towards becoming good citizens.

As young parents in a modern society, my husband and I realised that our child has adjustment issues upon entering Primary 1. We were at our wits' end in trying to understand and perhaps help our child in meeting the challenges of primary schooling. We approached Ms Grace Looi for help in managing these challenges and are grateful that Ms Looi has taken note of our concerns and has made numerous efforts to guide our child in developing responsible habits as well as fostering good citizenry behaviour. She had also shared with us knowledge that will augment all our efforts together in helping our child cope with the new environment.

We have noted progress and hope our child continues to improve. But we would never know how best to do this without Ms Grace Looi's understanding and effort. Ms Looi is very dedicated in her chosen profession and she is the epitome of a great teacher. De La Salle School should be proud to have Ms Looi in its team to nurture the future generation. Thank you Mrs Sing for Ms Looi.

From A Primary One Parent

- 4) Teachers' Day is coming in a few days' time. Our eldest daughter in JC2 and our eldest son in Sec 3 now while our youngest son is in P6 this year. All were from De La Salle. Being the final year of our child in De La Salle, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to our children's teachers in De La Salle School.

Each of the following teachers, a big Thank you for your dedication and love for our children.

- 1) Ms. Durka Devi (taught both our sons Science).
- 2) Ms. Ong Hui Zhen
- 3) Ms. Elizabeth Elan (our 3 children favourite teacher).
- 4) Mrs. Judy Yip (taught our daughter).
- 5) Mdm. Chua Siew Bee (taught both our sons Chinese).
- 6) Mr. Ng Jun Qi (taught Joshua Chinese).
- 7) Mdm. Wang Yun (taught Joshua Chinese in P5).
- 8) Ms. Du Ping Ping (currently teaching Joshua Chinese, a very dedicated teacher. Thank you).
- 9) Mdm. Lua Wee Suan (taught our daughter Maths and English when she was in P5 and P6).
- 10) Mr. Nigel Tan (taught Joel when he was in P6 and helped a lot with Maths).
- 11) Mdm. Yang Xiao Ting (in always encouraging and showing Joshua to excel further in his role as Lasallian Leader).
- 12) Ms. Lim Hwee Hong (current Joshua Maths teacher).
- 13) Mdm. Goh Ai Lian (Joshua's form teacher in P4, a very dedicated, caring and responsible teacher. She always motivates Joshua and classmates to perform well especially in challenging subjects such as Maths. Thank you for your passion in teaching. Mdm. Goh, may you be blessed always for your generous heart).

Regards,

Mrs. Yvonne Tan

- 5) Teachers' Day coming. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our son's Joshua Tan, 6C form teacher. Ms. Annie Tan of De La Salle School. She is a very dedicated, caring, helpful and always generous in showing her encouragement and love to her students.

This impact Joshua and he always looking forward to Ms. Annie's lessons. It is a blessings to have such a wonderful teacher and I am truly grateful. I wish Ms. Annie the best in her teaching career. Thank you, Ms. Annie.

Regards

Mrs Yvonne Tan

6) Mrs Lim Weng Kin

Mrs Lim wrote to commend Lasallian Winston Tiew of 6 Dominic for upholding De La Salle School's vision of being a caring citizen to others.

Mrs Lim's son who is studying in Unity Secondary School was walking home when he was knocked down by a cyclist. The cyclist left the scene immediately. Winston was walking behind Mrs Lim's son came to his aid and alerted a passer-by to phone for help.

Mrs Lim opined that Winston's instinct to help those in need is a trait rarely displayed by the children of his age. Mrs Lim appreciated Winston's help and is grateful that Winston has good values and is quick thinking.

De La Salle School focuses on the holistic education of our Lasallians and rejoiced in having our Lasallian recognised for their values.

7) Mrs Florence Neo

Mrs Neo wrote to compliment Mdm Goh Ai Lian for being a passionate teacher as well as a disciplinarian to her son, Lasallian Neo Kai-lann of Class 4B. Mrs Neo opined that Mdm Goh went the extra mile to communicate with them about their son's progress and behaviour in class. This helped to build better understanding between the parents and teacher, in the development of their son's character and academics.

Initially Kai-lann felt angry at Mdm Goh for disciplining him but the parents were appreciative of the effort. Subsequently, Mr & Mrs Neo were delighted when Kai-lann shared that he had written a thank note to Mdm Goh about her genuine love and concern through the disciplinary actions taken on him.

It takes a village to raise a child and De La Salle School work towards forging a partnership with our parents to educate our Lasallians.

8) Lasallian Ho Cheng Lok

Cheng Lok is afflicted with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and needs to move about in a wheelchair. During the recent DLSS LEAF Programme, our P2 Lasallians participated in a Community Walkabout on 2 Jul 2015 to various religious and heritage sites. To facilitate Cheng Lok's participation, DLSS hired a specially equipped mini-van from the Handicap Welfare Association to help him move about. In addition, the school also purchased an adjustable table to accommodate Cheng Lok's wheelchair in the classroom.



In turn, Cheng Lok made a Thank You card to express his appreciation to the school and his teachers for their kindness and support.

DLSS continues to strive to be an inclusive school for all our Lasallians.

9) Ms Tanny Dai



Ms Tanny Dai, an ex-Lasallian, was featured in PM Lee Hsien Loong's Facebook page recently. PM Lee said in his FB page that Tanny had made a beautiful card and wanted to share her appreciation for Singapore as well as her wishes for SG50. He also noted that Tanny, who was voted as LaSallian of the Year, had donated the cash she received for her Edusave Character Award to DLSS. PM Lee was giving out EduSave awards to members of his Teck Ghee constituency at Townsville Primary School when he met Tanny.

De La Salle School had since received a \$600 donation from Ms Dai, who wanted to show her appreciation to the school for nurturing her.

We wish Tanny every success in her endeavours.

10) Principals of Secondary Schools

The Principals of our ex-Lasallians, Woon Xuan Ru (St Nicholas Girls' School) and Ng Chen Hui (Nan Hua High School) wrote to inform us that they had done well in their "O" Levels Exams. Both ex-Lasallians graduated from De La Salle School in 2010.

We are proud of our ex-Lasallians and wish them well.

11) Mr and Mrs Kirpal Singh

Mr and Mrs Kirpal wrote to appreciate Ms Ong Hui Zhen and Mdm Goh Sock Hong for being caring and nurturing pillars for their son, Christopher. They together with Mdm Angie Tan, Ms Jasmin and Ms Prema, had made De La Salle a second home for Christopher. 2014 had been an eventful year for Christopher but he misses 2014 because of the happy experiences.

We too are grateful for supportive parents like Mr & Mrs Kirpal Singh.

12)Mr and Mrs Ho

Mrs Ho's son is afflicted with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. She wrote to thank De La Salle School for the whole of school effort to support her son's education journey. In particular, they are thankful to Mdm Ng Siew Choo, Mrs Winnie Wong, Mr Francis Tay, Mdm Wang Yun, Ms Yeo Shin Hua, Ms Gurneet and our two Security Guards for the help rendered.

De La Salle School will always strive to do our best for our Lasallians. Physical impairment, though considered a disability by society, should not rob any child from his potential and opportunity to be educated.

For more information about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, please see www.worldduchennewarenessday.org

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