



## From the Year Head's Desk

Term 2 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 2! This week, we will turn our attention to 3 Middle Primary teachers to get to know more about them. They will be sharing a little bit about themselves, their inspirations and passions, and what they like to do during their free time. Let's read on!



Hello! I am Miss Chua Yu Juan, the form teacher of 4F. This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year in Concord and I teach English and Social Studies.

Growing up, I was taught to focus more on the negative side of things. This caused me to be pessimistic and unconfident. Now as a teacher, I aspire to see the good in every child, to empower them with a positive mindset and to leverage on their strengths. Working with children in this manner has allowed me to build a strong rapport with my students. Seeing the smiles on their faces tells me that I have made a difference to their lives.



I love to learn new languages in my free time. I am currently learning Korean and Japanese. Learning a new language and its culture is a very fascinating experience. Understanding a new language helps me see things in different perspective. As I struggle with learning new vocabulary and grammar rules, I am able to put myself back in the shoes of my students who are struggling to learn English. As I reflect on the struggles I face as a new language learner myself, I am able to tweak my lessons and carry out my lessons in a more effective manner.

As the Chinese Proverb goes, "To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world." For now, I am still a foreign language learner. But one day, I hope to become a fluent speaker of the languages I am learning.

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Hi! I am Mr Hafiz and it is my pleasure to share a little about myself and my journey in education. This year, I am a proud form teacher of 4D and I teach Mathematics and English.

I was an active student during my primary and secondary school days. I involved myself in football, Scouts, the Mathematics Club and National Cadet Corps at different junctures of my schooling years. Immersing myself in these diverse activities cultivated a foundation of teamwork, discipline and resilience in me. These are the qualities that have become my lifelong compass. My teachers also had a profound impact on me by igniting my passion for learning, and this inspired me to become a teacher.

My teaching philosophy revolves around creating engaging and relevant learning experiences, fostering an environment where inquisitiveness leads to discovery. I view the classroom as a vibrant space of exploration and growth. William Butler Yeats beautifully said, "Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire." This image on the right, created using AI, is a representation of this quote. With this, I hope to kindle a passion for learning that goes beyond the classroom, encouraging my students to question, explore, and discover the world with insatiable curiosity!



I enjoy cycling during my leisure time. In fact, I cycle to school almost every day, unless if it is raining. This activity is enjoyable and keeps me energized for the day ahead. I also have a keen interest in reading and exploring new technologies. Currently, I am interested in the potential of artificial intelligence to transform how we learn and solve problems.

Good day to all! I am Mr Isham and I am the form teacher of 4A. This year is my second year in Concord and I teach Physical Education. I have always wanted to be a teacher. Since my humble beginnings, I realise that education is important and I want to pay it forward by helping children who are in need. I want to be the voice that inspires them and the person that they can look up to. I have always embraced a teaching philosophy which is teaching the minds by engaging the hearts. This belief is guided by these 4 values.

Trust:	I want my students to feel safe and secure.
Understanding:	When there is trust, it builds a sense of mutual respect, and understanding. This will strengthen their motivation and drive them to behave and to do better in the future.
Rapport:	Having a strong teacher-student relationship creates a safe teaching and learning environment.
Nurture:	Lead the way in being inspirational, motivational, open, compassionate and fair.

I believe,  
 I can turn negative to positive.  
 I can turn fear into motivation.  
 I can change lives.

During my free time, I turn my energy and focus to dance where I can find further inspiration for myself. Dance has taught me to appreciate the beauty in my surroundings and the people I interact with.

As an experienced dancer, dance choreographer and instructor, I mirror some of the values I hold dear when pursuing my passion. I dance to the joy of learning. I believe that dance is a celebration, to celebrate and be joyful in its journey.



We hope you have enjoyed getting to know these three Middle Primary teachers. In the upcoming newsletter, we will feature three more awesome teachers of Concord!

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