



From the Year Head's Desk

Term 2 Week 5

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2 Week 5! In this issue of the newsletter, we would like to shine a spotlight on one of the most important people in the school, our teachers! Let's get to know these Primary 3 teachers and find out about their teaching philosophy, their favourite teaching subject, and how they maintain a healthy work-life balance.

Hi, Parents! I am Mr Tan Wee Loon. Currently, I am the form teacher of 3B and I teach Mathematics and Science. I joined Concord Primary School in 2013 and I have been a teacher for 10 years.

My personal belief in teaching is to help students find the connection between theory and reality. That is why Science is my favourite subject to teach. Science builds the bridge of understanding between concepts that we learn in textbooks and real-life situations. I enjoy making students realise that Science is all around us!

Imparting values and life skills to the students are also vital, so that students can develop holistically. This greatly influences how I interact with my students where positive teacher-student relationship is evident in the classroom.

In my free time, I enjoy playing video games, listening to music and spending time with my family. I try not to bring work home so that I have the time to bond with my own children. I look forward to family activities as having a healthy work-life balance is important after a gruelling work week.



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Good day, Parents! My name is Mdm Norhariaty and I am the Senior Teacher in English Language. In the past 30 years that I have been teaching, I have witnessed many changes in the educational landscape and how learning in the classrooms has transformed from being teacher-centric to a student-centric one. This shift has indeed been an eye-opening experience for me and it has shaped how I view my role as an educator. Being digital natives in a post-Covid world, our students possess their own set of values, ideals and experiences and would like to be heard. This would then require us as educators to provide them with the opportunity to have their voices heard. This will in turn enable them to become self-directed learners who are ready to face the challenges ahead.

I have always believed in putting the students at the core of the teaching and learning process and find joy in teaching students of varying abilities. During the teaching and learning process in my classroom, I have learnt much from my students and they are the very reason that pushes me to be a reflective practitioner that I am presently.

As an ST, one of the important roles that I play in school is being a mentor to the beginning teachers. I guide them to refine their lesson plans so that they can deliver engaging lessons. We have meaningful discussions by reflecting on their teaching methods. By spending time with these less experienced teachers, I will learn to understand them better and will be able to guide them more holistically.

My personal outlook on life is one in which I hope to have a harmony between work and family. Being active in sports before, I now spend my leisure time taking walks and participating in sports activities with my family. I also take the opportunity to learn new things as much as I can as I am a firm believer of lifelong learning. Being the adult figure to our students, we need to walk the talk and be a role model to them. Eventually, my greatest wish would be to make a difference in the lives of my students.

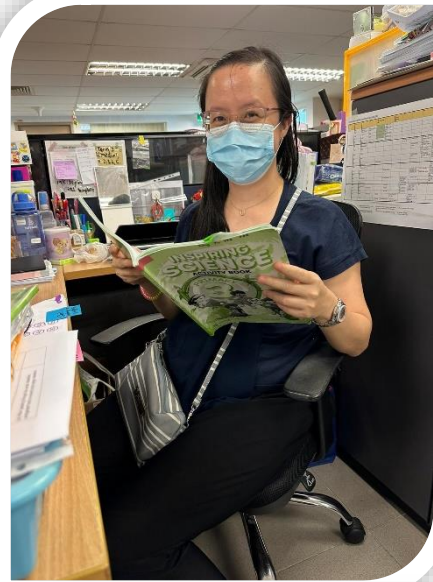


Hello! I am Mdm Chen Qiuru, currently the Form Teacher of 3E. This is my 6th year teaching in Concord. Before this, I was a secondary school teacher.

I love being a primary school teacher because I like how innocent and kind the younger children are. I also enjoy imparting my knowledge to them and teaching them life skills at a younger age. I feel a sense of pride and satisfaction when I see my primary school students improve a lot in their behaviour or studies.

I have always believed in this phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child". I do not think teachers alone can develop children holistically; parents and society have a part to play, too. Hence, I hope to build a strong and trusting relationship with the parents of my students.

As a parent myself, I believe children should grow up happily. Studies are important but mental and physical health need to be considered, too. Thus, I make sure my children not only work hard, they play hard. At home, I set aside some quality time with my children. We bond over playing board games and going out to exercise and refresh our mind and body.



Teachers are mentors and role models to their students. They influence young minds and inculcate sound social and moral values through word and deed, within and outside the classroom. Teachers impart learning and thinking life skills to students, to develop their full potential and enable them to seize opportunities in the future. We hope you have enjoyed getting to know these teachers. We will feature three more awesome teachers of Concord in the next term!

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