



## From the Year Head's Desk

Term 2 Week 4

11 April 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 4! This week, we would like to shine a spotlight on some Upper Primary teachers. These teachers have a range of teaching experiences and teach a variety of subjects. Let's get to know them better.



Hi! I am Miss Haslindah Binte Safini. Concord is my first school and I have been teaching here since 2018. This year, I teach English to 4F and 5F.

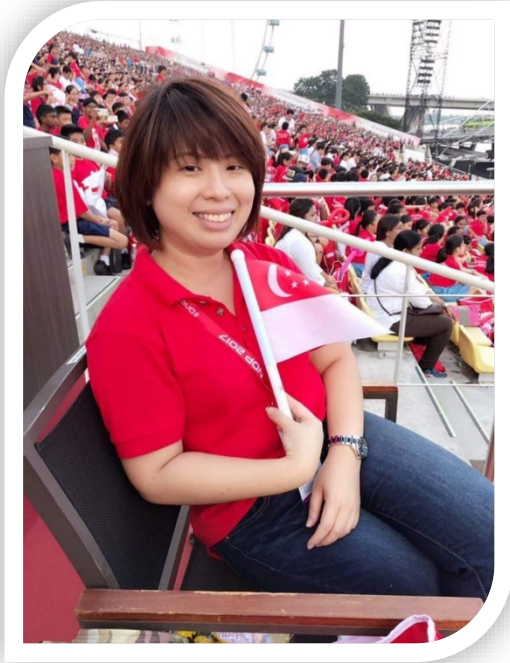
I enjoy teaching English. As a language teacher, I believe in fostering the love of reading. My classrooms are well-decorated with a dedicated reading corner. I always encourage my students to browse through and read the wide variety of books readily available at the reading corner.

I believe in building a positive relationship with my students. This creates a positive classroom culture where successful learning can take place. I do this by sharing personal stories and anecdotes during lessons. This is also an opportunity for my students to get to know who I am outside of these classroom walls!

I believe that every child is unique and takes on different paths when it comes to learning. I take the time to provide personalised feedback to my students on their progress of learning. Giving feedback helps my students to monitor their own learning and act on areas of growth independently.



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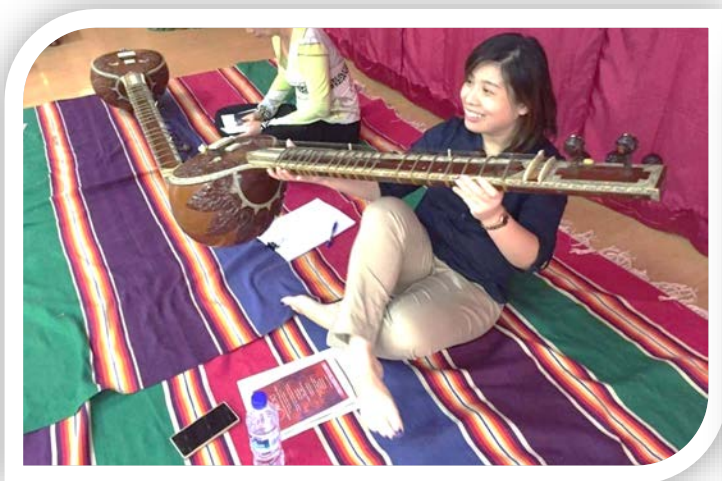
Hi! I am Miss Felicia Toh Sze Hui. 2022 would mark my 17<sup>th</sup> year in the teaching service. A lot of my students whom I have taught would have started working as adults by now. Some of them have been keeping in touch with me, and I am glad that they are doing well in life now.

I studied engineering and wanted to be an engineer when I was younger. I have never thought I would take on the path of an educator. I started out my journey as a generalist teacher for English, Mathematics, Science and Music. The engagement and joy that I experienced with my students in my music classes convinced me to take up the Advanced Diploma in Music Education.

Since then, my students and I have been using our music lessons to explore culture, experience musical elements and enjoy engaging in various music-making opportunities through the songs from local and global cultures.

My experience in MOE Headquarters (Arts Education Branch) also provided me with the opportunity in designing teaching and learning resources and providing advice to schools related to Music and CCAs. I have also assisted to organize large-scale events like Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) and National Day Parade (NDP).

It is always a joy to see people enjoying and making music. I hope my knowledge and passion for music will be passed on my students, so they will also enjoy the joy of learning and playing music on their own and with their peers or family members at their own time.



Hello! My name is Mrs Thanaletchimi Ganeson. I am a Senior Teacher in Tamil Language (TL). I have 36 years of teaching experience under my belt and I started teaching in Concord in 2000! In my free time, I love to cook for my family and go for walks to enjoy and appreciate nature.

As a teacher, I believe that every child can learn. When a child starts to realise her potential, she is more willing to take risks in her learning. To achieve this, I build a supportive and non-threatening atmosphere in the classroom. I encourage my students to maintain high levels of motivation. I also provide them with feedback for improvement.



Every now and then, I will reflect and evaluate my own teaching. In order to learn new teaching strategies, I attend different training sessions pertaining to teaching and learning. These workshops inspire me to plan creative lesson activities. I try the lessons with my students and share best practices with my other TL colleagues.



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

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