

# The Vibes Newsletter

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# Sports Carnival Extravaganza

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“Oh evergreen, green is our blood...” Our school cheer was sung during our school’s wonderful sports carnival, where endless cheers were heard throughout the school. Cast our minds back to the last few days of last term, we were engaged in the exciting sports and games planned for us. It was the first sports carnival of the year. It was a great opportunity to create more fond memories with our classmates. For the lower secondary students, they had events such as Capture the Flag and Captain’s Ball, whereas the upper secondary students had volleyball and basketball.



The sports carnival kicked off with a resounding roar of cheers as teams prepared to compete in a variety of thrilling events. Lower secondary students geared up for special games like Capture the Flag and the classic favorite, Captain's Ball, a sport we have all been playing since our primary school days. The intensity of Captain's Ball was palpable as participants skillfully aimed the ball at their teammates, striving to score points while avoiding any mishaps. The passion and dedication on the field were truly commendable.

Other than Captain's Ball, the seniors also participated in newly planned events like the Fitness Challenge and JustDance. The Fitness Challenge was arduous because participants had to overcome many obstacles.

This included flipping over tires, carrying dumbbells and many other strenuous activities. For those who were not athletically inclined, they got a taste of how demanding this test was. However, those who participated showed their utmost resilience and managed to complete the challenges. It was truly a feat!



The newly-included Just Dance event was a popular activity. One member from each house held a Joy-Con according to the color of their houses and dances, followed the instructions on-screen and moved to the groove. Many students gathered together to compete dancing against other houses while enjoying the cool air-conditioned room. Despite being indoors, the spectators cheered on their house “dancers” as they grooved to the beat.



The Sports Carnival was a fun event for all Evgians whether we participated in the games or cheered on our house’s participants. Although it was a heated competition among the different houses, everyone secured a medal and made their houses proud. We are sure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout the entire day’s activities. The sports carnival was truly a great way to end the term on a positive note.

# Musical Marvels

## Unleashed

By: Garrett (2THK) & Aisha (2DYN)

The Lunchtime Concert - a much awaited event for EVGians to showcase their musical talents - is presented by enthusiastic and confident talents of our own.

Tucked against the sharp corner of EVG's Red Cross corner, a lively crowd of students, teachers and staff cheered and applauded at the performances on the makeshift stage. It was a memorable way to end the term.



For starters, the joint-effort rendition of 'All Of Me' by John Legend, performed by Giselle, Bernice, Sanders, and Dani from 2 Thinking, was one of the most soulful performances throughout the concert. The two singers gave off a brilliant, calming vibe. The background music performed by two guitarists and one ukuleleist was just as melodious. The alchemy of the vocals and music created a magnificent musical piece.

Nathaniel from 1 Thinking, our only Secondary 1 singer, deserves a special mention. He commanded the stage like a professional! His performance of 'Senorita' by Camilla Cabello, certainly got the audience clapping and singing along as he belted the popular pop song. His truly impressive performance was a run for its money. Like many others, I was in awe of this natural performer. I would love to watch him perform again!





A solo performance by Aisha from 2 Dynamic began as she sang Fragile by Laufey not long after entering the jury-rigged stage. Her angelic voice stunned the audience before a technical issue affected her performance. Thankfully, our skilful AVA crew got the minus-one back on track and before long, everyone started singing along. The audience's enthusiasm, as they sang together with Aisha, added hype to her already-rousing performance. I wonder if our neighbours in the nearby blocks could hear us singing our hearts out.

I had the opportunity to catch up with one of our talented performers, Aisha from 2 Dynamic. I wanted her to share her maiden performance experience and this is what she has to say:

“Last semester, I was given the opportunity to perform at the concert. I was on the fence for quite a while. I debated with myself for a while because I was unsure and afraid of how people would react to my singing. After much consideration, I decided to take part.

It was a rather nerve-wracking experience initially. There I was standing in the middle of the stage with so many pairs of eyes staring at me. I managed to calm myself for a bit but the music became unsynced with my singing. Feeling the overwhelming tension between the audience and I, I mumbled each word. A whirlwind of emotions waged war within me – gratitude, anxiety, and panic clashed. Gratitude eventually emerged triumphant. I acknowledge the privilege of showcasing my talent. With perseverance, I managed to conquer my apprehension, gradually letting my soulful voice find its way.

Those moments were undeniably daunting. Yet, with time, a newfound confidence has taken root within me. I look back with appreciation, for those challenging minutes have forged a stronger and more grateful version of myself.”

Suddenly, there was an excited chatter among members of the audience and some pointed to the side stage. They erupted in fervent exuberance as Mr Ode stepped on stage and grabbed the microphone. For the final performance, he sang 'It's Been A Long Long Time' by Harry James. It was definitely a treat to hear him serenading us; instead of the usual instructions we get from him during PE lessons. Everyone clapped and swayed to the beat of the song, occasionally singing along with him. His spontaneous performance was definitely the highlight of this concert.



The Lunchtime Concert marked a memorable term's end. Group harmonies and soul-stirring solos stirred the audience, from Giselle, Bernice, Sanders, and Dani's soulful fusion to Nathaniel's awe-inspiring debut. Unexpectedly, Mr. Ode's serenade added a magical touch. This concert united hearts, inspiring all to embrace their talents and voices.

**Word Trove:**

**Jury-rigged:** Describes something that has been makeshift or temporarily assembled

**Exuberance:** Intense and passionate display of enthusiastic energy or excitement

# Overseas Learning Journeys



## Kuala Lumpur OLTJ By: Laekeisha (3THK)

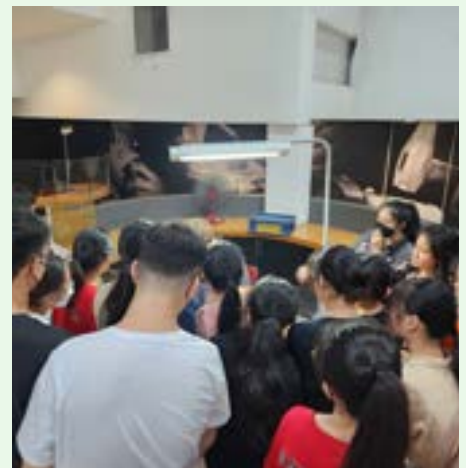
During the exhilarating June holidays, a group of secondary 3 students embarked on an unforgettable overseas learning journey to the vibrant city of Kuala Lumpur, and I am thrilled to share my experience with you.



We visited Kuala Lumpur for a total of 4 days. On the first day, we toured Bread Talk and Toast Box, where we had the opportunity to learn about their history and even got to taste one of their famous and mouth-watering foods, butter chicken nasi lemak. After the memorable lunch, we explored the iconic Twin Towers and managed to snap some photos. Finally seeing it with my own eyes felt so surreal.

On the second day, we visited Sekinchan paddy field and we had the chance to learn how to plant rice. It was a once in a lifetime experience for many of us but we definitely had fun learning such a unique skill. After our rice planting adventure, we visited the Royal Selangor Visitor Centre where we saw the workers hand make metal cups with our own eyes. Seeing each and every pewter being made from scratch was such a notable event for us.

The next day, we visited the Chinese Department of Universiti Malaya. They had a room dedicated to the studies of the book, *The Dream Of The Red Chamber*. The room was truly eye-catching and was honestly the most interesting aspect of the day. The day went on and we visited Sin Chew Daily to learn about their heritage as well as the production of the newspaper. We attained new knowledge and experiences which made the day especially enjoyable.



Moving on to the last day, we visited SMJK Yuhua school. We had the opportunity to interact with the local students and learned more about their daily school life. They even performed for us with a special drumming performance by their very own drum team, as well as a wushu performance and many more. Although we were only there for a few hours, we made lots of cherishable memories and forged enduring friendships.

Our adventure spanned four action-packed days, filled with eye-opening encounters and cultural immersions that left a lasting impact on each one of us. Hopefully, we will be able to experience similar experiences again in the near future.



# Jakarta OLIJ By: Batrisyah (3THK)

From 30th May to 2nd June, a group of twenty five enthusiastic students and five dedicated teachers embarked on an unforgettable overseas learning journey to Jakarta. As one of the fortunate students who participated, I am excited to share our wonderful experience during those four days and three nights.



Our adventure began with a flight to Jakarta. After clearing the immigration procedures, we were brought on an intriguing visit to the National Museum of Jakarta.

Immersed in its captivating exhibits, we delved into the city's history and marveled at the cultural heritage it preserves. The first day was short yet immensely fulfilling.

The next day, we went to Sekolah Alam Indonesia, a rather interesting school. We learned about how the school encourages students to “go through what the earth goes through”. It has an environmentally friendly curriculum which focuses more on how to reduce, reuse and recycle rather than the usual subjects that we are familiar with like Math and Science. As part of the programme, we handmade tote bags. Following that, we went to a technology business company, Kinobi. Interestingly, we learned how to start a business as well as the importance of forming alliances and friendships. A truly eye-opening experience for me.



On the third day, we visited three places: the Textile Museum, Taman Mini and Thamrin City. Firstly, at the Textile Museum, we learned how to make our own batik by using a canting which is a tool used to make batik. I now appreciate the artistic elements in designing the traditional batik.

Taman Mini “Indonesia Indah”, which spans over 150 hectares, represents 33 provinces' cultures in a miniature archipelago with regional pavilions, traditional architecture, regional arts, recreation parks, and rides to explore. The place offers visitors recreational facilities, arts, recreation, and education. Lastly, we visited Thamrin City where they sold many souvenirs. We bought some souvenirs there too.



On the final day, we toured the National Monument of Jakarta called Monas. Inside the tall building is a small museum we visited to learn more about the history of Indonesia. Sadly, after that, we had to depart from Jakarta to return home.



Undeniably, all of us enjoyed our four-day and three-night trip. It was such a memorable experience. It was sad for the journey to come to an end. We hope to be able to explore such places again soon.

## Bangkok OIJ By: Lynn (3RSP)

Did you know that schools in Thailand have a generalised uniform nationwide? I only found that out when we visited Tepleela School in Thailand. Amazed by the grand welcome, we were given flower garlands to hang around our necks! (Fun fact: their morning assembly lasts around 1.5 hours everyday!)



On both days, we were treated to various exciting activities. For example, ice breaking games, with our newly acquainted Thai buddies, learning the Angklung (a Sudanese musical instrument), painting onto tote bags and making a Thai dessert! I absolutely loved the ice-breaking games that required our fullest attention. Also, I especially enjoyed eating and learning the creation of a Thai coconut dessert! It is made of two layers, a layer of sago and a layer of coconut paste respectively, wrapped in a box-shaped banana leaf, with a ginkgo nut to top it off. The warm hospitality they provided will forever be etched in my heart.



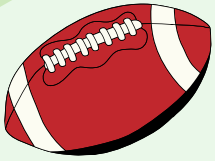
Our first stop after landing at Suvarnabhumi airport was to the world's largest open air museum, Muang Boran, also known as the Ancient City. Spanning a staggering 320-hectares, the museum features numerous Thai architecture visible from the countless buildings throughout! Another museum we visited was Museum Siam. It immersed me in the different foods and customs in Thailand, particularly the "Decoding Thainess" exhibition. There were a myriad of interactive elements, even as far as allowing us to dress in traditional Thai clothing!



Lastly, we also had the chance to visit a rice paddy field! It was interesting to try out life as a rice farmer and learn about the methods used in the past to separate the rice husks. We also had the opportunity to experience painting with natural dyes made with materials such as turmeric, butterfly pea flower and many more. The cherry on top was making cute elephants (which in Thai is known as 'Chang') out of clay by pinching and molding it with our hands!

The trip was truly memorable. This unforgettable journey is an experience I will cherish for a lifetime! To the secondary three's next year, please consider an Overseas Learning Journey!

# E Wehi Kahore Tetahi



By: Nabila (3ITG), Kimi (3ITG),  
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On April 10 2023, Evergreen gathered at Singapore Sports Hub for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Evergreen's very own B division Rugby Boys would be competing with Junyuan to emerge champions for the Rugby Bowl competition 2023.

Before the game, the Sports Hub was buzzing with fervor and palpable anticipation. For some, it was the first time supporting a rugby match. None of us knew what to expect. Nonetheless, the resolute spirit of EVGians reverberated through the stands, uniting in unwavering support as we were immensely proud of them qualifying for the finals. To remember this legacy in Evergreen's history, EVGians snapped photos with friends. The rugby boys' enthusiasm while warming up truly inspired us.



Goosebumps raised on our skin when the crowd roared with excitement as the whistle pierced the air. We watched in anticipation of who would take the lead. In just a few minutes, the Evergreen boys scored a goal! The stadium momentarily hushed before erupting in a cascade of cheers. The first goal definitely motivated the team. After a hard-fought match, Evergreen emerged triumphant with a 31-15 victory over Junyuan. Filled with incandescent joy, pride knew no bounds in EVGians' heart as witnesses to a glorious win!

Undoubtedly, no one could be more enthusiastic than the boys themselves!  
Here's what they had to say.

Iqbal says, "I felt nervous. But, after Evergreen scored our first goal, I gained confidence and played my heart out. I cried tears of excitement when we won because it was Rugby's first victory. I'm proud of myself and my teammates."

Andy says, "So before the match, I was nervous but excited because I'm the type of person who likes to challenge others. If I'm nervous, I listen to music. After winning, I felt satisfied."



EVGians have something to say too! While Wyne felt ecstatic as this match was his first time watching a rugby match in a stadium, Jun Da was proud of Evergreen for emerging as champions. Both hoped to have an experience like this again. This sentiment was echoed by many students including us!

The triumph of Evergreen Rugby had proven that an arduous journey is worth the sweet taste of success. We congratulate our players on their victory, and hope this is an inspiration to all our EVGians to persevere on!

**As the rugby slogan says, "E Wehi Kahore Tetahi." Fear No One.**

# EVG Celebrates SG 58!

By: Iwani (1ETP), Clarinda (2THK),  
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**We may be a small island state, but we are not small people, neither are our hearts nor our aspirations.” - PM Lee**

The emcee’s voice rose proudly as she began, “We, the citizens of Singapore.”

In a sea of red and white, EVGians stood tall on the parade square under the unforgiving sun. Fists close to our hearts. Reciting the pledge has always been a daily routine but on this prestigious national day, it was an honour. While commemorating Singapore's 58 years of independence, we never lose sight of our roots; blood, sweat and tears of our forefathers.



The day started with our uniform groups, Red Cross Youth, NPCC, NCDCC, and NCC marching in unison under the unforgiving sun clad in their uniforms at the parade square. Their synchronization made it truly mesmerising. None of their effort all these months went unnoticed.

EVGians then excitedly hastened to the hall for the concert. The atmosphere was crackling with contagious excitement and anticipation. We were aware of the dedication our schoolmates had poured into this concert.

A harmonious symphony reverberated as the Chinese Orchestra emerged on the stage with their array of instruments, creating a harmony unique to Singapore's culture. In enchanting renditions, the Guitar Ensemble seamlessly merged beloved melodies of our National Day songs. Taking the spotlight next, the Malay dancers graced the stage, their captivating movements craft a charming spectacle that left an indelible impression of beauty. The vibrant performances truly honored Singapore's cultures while infusing it with fresh vitality! The concert ended with a fun National Day song quiz.



Finally, the spotlight of the whole day, the National Day musical! The National Day musical was about a new citizen struggling to adapt into Singapore. On stage, a myriad of talented EVGians sang and dance, showcasing their unique abilities to give us a spectacular performance. It was definitely one for the books or in this case, for the articles.

Struggling with inner conflict, Rachel wrestled with Singapore's complexities. Moments of regret and unfamiliarity loomed, casting shadows on her decision to immigrate. Suspense hung heavy as the curtains fell, leaving questions in the air. Would Rachel succumb to these trials, returning to her homeland?





Our protagonist was firstly introduced to a language unique to Singaporeans, Singlish. The next thing we knew, she was in a crowded MRT where she expected people to give up their seats, when the reverse happened.

The plot unfolded, revealing her quest to understand and embrace the Singaporean identity. Yet, cracks appeared in her vision of a flawless nation—a selfish tradition of "choped" tables, added with the stressful secondary school life we all are experiencing, and a wage-docking boss—all challenging her initial perception.



In the final act, Rachel's path crystallized. She resolved to embrace her Singaporean identity, recognizing the nation's vibrant blend of cultures and people. Only then, she realised the essence of being "Singaporean" defied a simple definition—it was a connection, a sense of home.

The chapter closed with EVGians singing the National Anthem. A drone ascended, carrying the National flag—a symbol of unity, resilience, and the shared aspirations of an entire nation.



# Blackpink in Singapore!

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**BLACK PINK**

Have you ever had the chance to attend a concert and witness your favourite singer(s) live on stage? Well, who would you think of when wanting to attend a concert? Normally, people would think of bands like BTS and TxT, but how about Blackpink? The Blackpink concert held at Singapore truly shone brilliantly, with the four outstanding band members taking over the stage and making the sea of fans watching gape in awe.



During the two days of sales, about 100,000 tickets were sold, thanks to their devoted fanbase, affectionately known as Blinks. The National Stadium was filled with Blinks, with security guards to manage the crowd. To avoid congestion, we arrived at the National Stadium entrance at 3pm. Despite it being a humid day, we patiently made our way through the queue. Our excitement only grew as we approached the Singapore Indoor Stadium, eagerly anticipating the moment we had been yearning for!

When the gates opened, we made a beeline to the barrier to secure our spot for BlackPink's performance. As the light dimmed and the crowd roared with cheers and chants for Blackpink's appearance. We must have screamed ourselves hoarse just then.



And then, it happened - THEY FINALLY APPEARED ON STAGE! Blackpink performed all their popular songs and solos. The excitement was infectious, and we sang our hearts out, having the best time of our lives. The girls served their encore by singing 'As If It Was Your Last'. The resounding cheers after that reverberated throughout the vast stadium.



It felt like a dream having them in Singapore and being there felt like I was in an enchanting dream. As they danced and sang their solos, we all watched in awe and chanted their names. The crowd definitely had a cold pillow to sleep on the previous night because of their boundless energy.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. We walked out of the stadium sadly because it was such an entertaining concert! The journey back home was dreadful. The MRT train was filled with exhausted fans, all experiencing the crash from the adrenaline rush. It was such an exhilarating experience for us Blinks. We really hope they'll make Singapore their concert stop on their next tour. In the meantime, we will just relive the moments with our gazillion fan cam photos and videos.

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And to all our  
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Don't forget,

"you are enough, just as you are"

