

# STUDENTS IN FOCUS

Over drinks and cakes, 3 of our JC2 students, Sanusha Sritharan, Ho Shu Yi and Koh Yong En, impressed Mr Peter Lim (ex-Editor-in-Chief, Straits Times) with their creative ideas and insightful input for a sailing book that he was working on. Mr Lim had wanted to know what would motivate young readers to pick up and read a book about 16 sailors Singapore is proud to call her own. The ideas were fast and flowing and Shu Yi even came up with the title that was eventually used: *Wind...Spirit...Water*.

Well done, everyone.

The free ebook *Wind...Spirit...Water* can be downloaded from <http://www.magicdragon.sg/>



(Left to right) Sanusha, Yong En and Shu Yi chatting with Mr Ng Ser Miang, Vice-President of the Singapore National Olympic Council and Chairman of the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games at the book launch of *Wind...Spirit...Water*



(Left to right) Ms Fuzzie, Sanusha, Yong En, Shu Yi, Mr Ng Ser Miang and Ms Lindy holding the book *Wind...Spirit...Water*

It's Term 4. The year has zoomed by but we still have a few exciting things to look forward to!

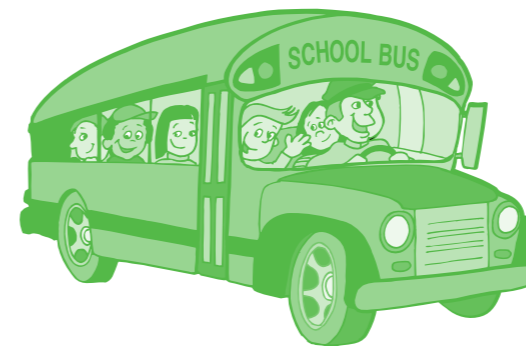
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A CreativeHorizons™ Newsletter

## OPEN HOUSE FOR CREATIVE HORIZONS@EASTGATE



Look out for more information about our Open House for Creative Horizons@Eastgate. We are planning a fun and informative day.

- There will be exhibition lessons for students and parents as well as lots of opportunity to interact and find out more about our courses.
- New registrations on the Open House day will enjoy a \$100 discount. Current students will receive a \$30 voucher for each new student they successfully introduce.

## END-OF-YEAR HOLIDAY COURSES

Fun lessons continue with our holiday courses from 22–27 November and from 29 November–4 December 2010. Come join us for Active Reading, Storywriter, Writer's Window, Writing Craft, Bridging K2, Bridging P6 and Literature courses.

## CREATIVE HORIZONS@EASTGATE

We are expanding to the east! Our new centre at 10-06 Eastgate on East Coast Road will be ready by early December. We look forward to welcoming new students from the east and some of our current students for whom Eastgate is in a more convenient location.

Ms Gwen will lead the Eastgate team. Ms Fuzzie will also be a familiar face at Eastgate.

## COME MEET US Parent-Teacher Meeting Term 4 2010

### SINGAPORE

P3, P4, P5, S2, S3, JC1

Wednesday 3 Nov - Thursday 4 Nov

Wednesday 10 Nov - Friday 12 Nov

### MALAYSIA

12 and 14 Nov

Email Us Today!

Comments, suggestions, questions about grammar, questions about creativity ...  
Or just to share creative works or ideas.  
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# ANAGRAMS

An anagram is a word, phrase or name formed by rearranging the letters of another.

A skilled anagrammatist produces anagrams that in some way reflect or comment on the subject.

To be successful at solving anagrams, you need not only good vocabulary but also need a flexible mind.



- 1 **DORMITORY**  
When you rearrange the letters: **DIRTY ROOM**
- 2 **ASTRONOMER**  
When you rearrange the letters: **MOON STARER**
- 3 **THE EYES**  
When you rearrange the letters: **THEY SEE**

Create meaningful anagrams for the following words:

- DESPERATION**
- THE MORSE CODE**
- SLOT MACHINES**
- DEBIT CARD**
- THE EARTHQUAKES**



Get your flexible mind working. Try to rearrange the letters of each of the above five words/phrases to create a meaningful anagram. Send us an entry by Week 1 Term 1 2011 and the winning entry will win a \$20 Borders voucher.

# LET'S HAVE AN ARGUMENT

But no fallacies, please!






A fallacy is a false idea which arises from an error in reasoning and which a lot of people believe is true. If you think it's a grand idea to couch your arguments in fallacies because few people will detect the flaws in your reasoning and many will take your side, think again. A strong opponent will easily see through the fallacious loopholes and tear your arguments apart.



Can you see the argumentative flaws below and identify the types of fallacy committed?

Answers:

1. I met three tennis players today and they all were rather aggressive. Clearly, tennis players are all aggressive.
2. I oppose the government's decision to reduce funding in military defence. How can they leave us defenceless like that?
3. Rich people like to receive good service. You are rich and therefore must like good service.
4. The opposition claims that welfare dependency leads to higher crime rates. But how can poor people keep a roof over their heads without our help?
5. We must stop them from banning comics. Once they start banning one type of publication, they'll never stop. Before long, they'll be burning all the books!

1. Drawing a general conclusion based on evidence drawn from a small sample clearly does not hold water. This is a case of hasty generalisation. 
2. This is a straw man fallacy. The arguer avoids the real issue and exaggerates an opponent's position. 
3. The speaker cites a general observation and unreasonably applies it to every single case, thus making a sweeping statement. 
4. A new topic is introduced in the argument to distract from the original issue. This is a red herring fallacy. 
5. A slippery slope argument asserts that something will inevitably lead to a chain reaction culminating in some far-fetched consequence, but not enough evidence is given for that conclusion. 

Remember, there is no place for fallacies in a cogent argument, so have nothing to do with them in your speech or writing.