

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your holidays! Now it's time to look forward to a brand new year with brand new possibilities!

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BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, A FEW CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER.

We would like to congratulate our P6 (2005) students who did very well for their PSLE. Well done all of you!

But remember, your academic journey still has a long way to go. We are most happy to continue along that journey with you to even bigger achievements and greater results!

Also, we say goodbye to some of our graduating students and wish them well on their future endeavours and undertakings. We would like to sincerely thank the following graduating students for remaining at Creative Horizons for five years or longer:



1. Benjamin Ng
2. Chen Zhen Jie
3. Clara Chong
4. Cynthia Tan
5. David Chan
6. Greta Leow
7. Huang Wei Ting
8. Jocelyn Fok
9. Josephine Wong
10. Kieron Ng
11. Koh Jun Zhi
12. Melvin Koh
13. Tan Pin Yu
14. Sean Wee
15. Soh Kuok Ming
16. Rachel Ng
17. Valencia Poh



Come Meet Us – Parent Teacher Meeting Term 1

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(P1, P3, P4, P6, S1, S2, S4, J2)

Tuesday 21 February 2006

Monday 27 February 2006

Reminder of our office hours:

Tue – Fri: 11.30 am – 7.30 pm

Sat: 9.30 am – 5 pm

We're closed on Sundays,
Mondays and public holidays.

(Note: Creativity continues after hours!)



Memoirs Of My Childhood

Memory is a funny thing – sometimes, we remember with great detail certain events in our lives and yet at other times, we hardly recall what happened in a certain event. My sister and I always get into arguments when we talk about our childhood because we both remember specific events completely differently and both of us are absolutely sure that we are right and the other is wrong.

What do you remember about your past? What events do you remember with great detail? What are your happiest memories? What are your best memories? Check with those you share those memories with – do they remember everything exactly the way you do?

It's sometimes very nostalgic to think of the past or to look at all photographs. So I thought it would be nice if our project this term involves capturing the past in one form or another.

Present to us your memories! You could do this in any number of ways – below are a few suggestions:

- 1. Write a story or a series of stories about some of your memories of the past.**
- 2. Find some old photographs and write short paragraphs on them explaining the context behind the photographs.**
- 3. Gather some objects from your past and describe what they mean to you and what memories they evoke.**

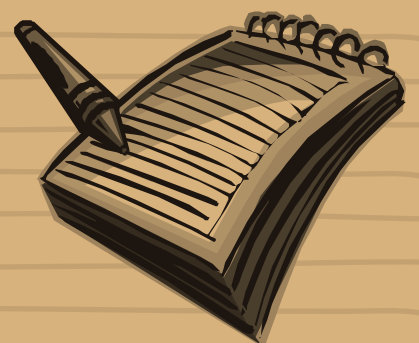
4. Present your impression of a past event and then present somebody else's memory of the same event.

5. Find photographs and other mementos of a past holiday and create a scrapbook complete with explanatory paragraphs.



Submit your projects to us by the 7th week of the term and stand a chance to win a \$20 book voucher. We look forward to reading about your past.

Enjoy your trip down memory lane,
... the FUZZIED one ...





IMPROVING MEMORY



As I mentioned earlier, memory is a funny thing. Sometimes, we try so hard to remember something but when the time comes, it's flown right out of our minds. This can be especially distressing in an exam.

Here are some tips that can help you remember things more easily

1. REVIEWING FREQUENTLY

Reviewing something immediately after learning it helps store it in the long-term memory. Make sure you understand what you have learnt and go through the details. Reviewing it at a later date will make it difficult to remember because the details might no longer make sense. So, spending a little time reviewing what you have learnt each day will go a long way to help improve memory.

2. USING HUMOUR

Making something funny and injecting humour into it helps keep it in the memory longer. So when you have to remember something, try associating it with something that tickles you or try exaggerating it to the point of absurdity.

3. COLOUR CODING

When making notes, use different coloured pens and markers. Also, try highlighting sections in textbooks with different colours. The mind remembers colours so in a stressful situation, you might be able to pick out pertinent information from your memory bank because you can see the colours in your mind.

4. MAKING VISUAL AIDS

By the same token, the mind also remembers visuals. So try committing things to memory by drawing pictures, cartoons, tables or graphs. This is especially useful if you are a visual learner.

5. REHEARSING ALOUD

Saying something aloud also helps you remember it better. So when studying, read your textbook out loud as if you were making a speech or presenting a lecture. Another method is to record down what you read and play it back to yourself.

6. MAKING IT PHYSICAL

Sometimes pacing, throwing a ball against a wall, jumping up and down or even doodling enhances memory. A constant repetitive physical activity that requires little thinking helps stimulate memory. So try to do one of the above while trying to remember something.

5-DAYS IN SINGAPORE



Remember the challenge we set you last year to create a 5-day plan for tourists in Singapore? Well, Barnabas Chong of Secondary 1 took up the challenge and earned himself a \$20 Borders book voucher. Congratulations Barnabas! Here is an extract from his 5-day plan.

DAY 1 - THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Today, we will be heading to the world-famous shopping district – Orchard Road! The roads are lined with countless high rise buildings which house shopping centres. From cosmetics to electronics, Orchard Road has it all! Orchard Road also has a huge array of dining choices, from the Western fast-food chains to high-end restaurants.

DAY 2 - YUM YUM!

Today's programmes will bring us around Singapore to savour some of the best delicacies. Singapore's cuisine is one of the most varied in the world. We'll start by having lunch at Chinatown at the food centre above the wet market. Recommended dishes include traditional porridge and stir-fried noodles. Next, head to Geylang Serai, home of the best Malay food in Singapore. This is the perfect place to find a snack or two for teatime. Finally, we will travel to Little India and Muthu's Curry Restaurant for dinner. The highlight of the meal is Curry Fish Head!

DAY 3 - BLAST INTO THE PAST

Today, we will begin our heritage tour of Singapore's cultures. First, we will head back to Chinatown. Enter any Chinese temple there and you will find many Chinese people offering prayers to the gods. To find out more about the Chinese customs and religions, you can speak to the priest there. Next, back to Geylang for a study of Malay culture. Try visiting a mosque but remember to leave your shoes outside as it is a Malay custom to do so. Lastly, head to Little India. There are numerous temples there which will offer insights into Hindu traditions and beliefs.

DAY 4 - LIVE LIKE A KID AGAIN

It's time for a whole day of fun and excitement. Today, we will travel to 2 of Singapore's best theme parks. First, we'll go to Downtown East at Pasir Ris. At Downtown East, search for Escape Theme Park. Lots of fun awaits you there as you try out different rides. Next, travel to Sentosa for the second half of the day. Don't forget to bring your swimwear. Head for Palawan Beach and just enjoy the sunset as you lie on the warm sand. If time permits, check out The Merlion and Underwater World.

DAY 5 - ANIMAL LOVERS' DELIGHT

Today, we will go to the Singapore Zoological Gardens. Once at the zoo, you can select from 2 different packages, the "Free and Easy" or the "Guided Tour". You can easily spend the whole day at the zoo.

EMAIL US TODAY!

Comments, suggestions, questions about grammar, questions about creativity ...

Or just to share creative works or ideas.

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