

# THE RAFFLES WAVE



## FAREWELL MS HASLINDA ZAMANI, PRINCIPAL (2019 - 2023)

In December 2023, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our beloved Principal, Ms Haslinda Zamani.

We express our sincere gratitude to Ms Haslinda for her enduring support, sagely guidance, and exceptional leadership which has transformed RGS into a home for all of us. We are immensely thankful to her for continually inspiring us to let our light shine and become beacons of excellence, embracing our unique gifts and talents in the service of our nation and community.

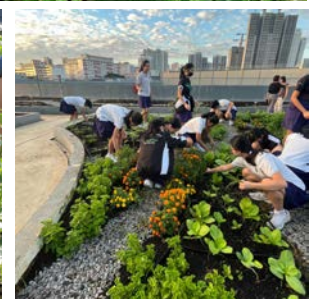
Ms Haslinda, you have our deepest gratitude and we offer you our best wishes.

## RGS EDIBLE GARDEN

On 24 August, our **Rooftop Edible Garden**, generously sponsored by the Tanato Foundation, came to life. More than a garden, it's an educational hub for sustainable planting and growth, aiming to nurture 'citizen farmers' among our staff and students.

This green haven introduces 'Farm to Table' and 'Direct Source' concepts to our school, fostering a mindful approach to food. Beyond our walls, it sparks a ripple effect, with students and staff becoming ambassadors of sustainability, influencing families and friends to cultivate more edible gardens across the island.

Led by House Leaders, our Grow & Harvest initiative brings the Farm-to-Table concept to life. Through hard work and passion, staff and students have turned this project into a labour of love. Our modest yet bountiful harvests of vegetables and herbs, such as okra, sweet potato leaves and thai basil, not only bring joy to our school, but also delight our canteen stall-holders who now enjoy the fruits of our collective effort.



## 144TH FOUNDER'S DAY



Joy filled the air as we celebrated our 144th Founder's Day! The celebration was made even more memorable with the launch of our very own Edible Garden and the 10th Anniversary of the RGS Consuming Passion - Memories from the Rafflesian Table cookbook, a fund-raising project initiated by former principal Mrs Carmee Lim and her RGS friends.

We were honoured to have lawyer, poet and playwright Ms Amanda Chong (Class of 2005) as our guest of honour.

What's a birthday without a cake? We would like to thank Raffles Girls' School Alumnae (RGSA) for the beautiful birthday cake and specially designed cupcakes!

Our thanks also go to the Parents for RGS Association (PRGS) for the delightful balloon sculpture, and our educational partners for your gift of flowers and well-wishes.

For bringing the entire community together, celebrating how the school has grown, and rekindling cherished traditions, we owe a heartfelt gratitude to our Board of Governors, Parents for RGS (PRGS), RGS Alumnae (RGSA), Programme Partners, alumnae, parents, staff and students.

## TEACHERS' DAY

A special Teachers' Day celebration was held, with a touch of that Toy Story magic, led by our House Exco members! Just like Woody and the gang, we honoured the true heroes of RGS: our amazing teachers and non-teaching staff who make RGS extraordinary every day.

They were treated to delightful performances from our talented students and specially organised class parties! Just like Woody's badge, we presented special awards to our teachers!

Our Year 1 and 2 Community Youth Leadership (CYL) students also joined in the act – presenting our staff with specially gift-wrapped apples by Heartware youth volunteers which included some of our students themselves. Each apple gift came with an appreciation card, jointly designed in collaboration with children from various social service organisations.

To our beloved teachers and staff – your commitment to shaping the next generation of Daughters of a Better Age is truly commendable! Happy Teachers' Day – you're the stars of our show!



## GRADUATION ASSEMBLY & FAREWELL ALMA MATER



Hailing from over 110 different primary schools, the Class of 2023 marked the beginning of their Rafflesian journey at our new Braddell Campus in 2020 and now leave as lifelong friends and sisters-in-learning, ready to embrace the next chapter of their Rafflesian journey at RI.

The Graduation Assembly, a formal affair witnessed by the entire school in the morning, set the stage for an enchanting afternoon as our girls were elegantly attired in perfect harmony with the 'Enchanted Forest' theme, celebrating with their classmates, teachers, members of the RGS Board of Governors, Parents for RGS Association and RGS Alumnae Exco. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the Lucky Draw prizes and other awards for our graduands, with a special shoutout to PRGS for gifting each of these girls with a stylish customised tumbler.

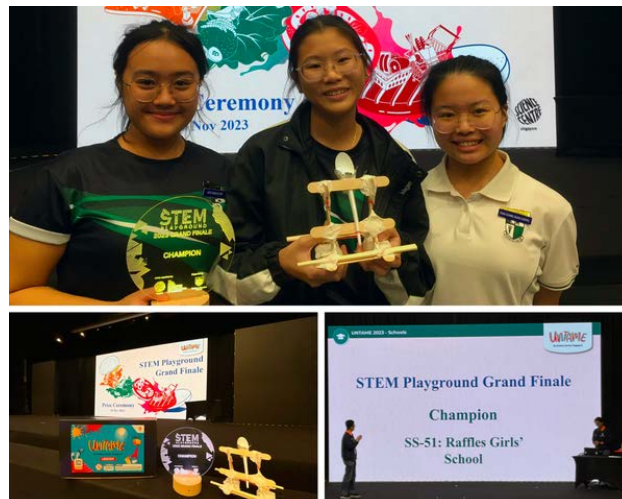
Congratulations once again to the Class of 2023 on this momentous occasion. As you embark on the next chapter of your journey, may your path be illuminated with immense joy and fulfillment. Remember to let your light shine as one heart and one voice, forging a brighter future together.

## STEM PLAYGROUND 2023

Our students participated in the STEM Playground 2023 Grand Finale, organised by the Science Centre Singapore.

Using the materials provided, students were tasked to build catapults to launch self-made projectiles to hit the designated targets. Teams were scored based on their creativity, craftsmanship and design, as well as the accuracy of the shots.

Congratulations to Team 3 who emerged as Champions.



## FARMATHON 2023

Organised by Methodist Girls' School and Nanyang Girls' High School, the Farmathon 2023 competition aimed to bring together students who are passionate about food and sustainability, and who possess a keenness for entrepreneurship and business pitching. The challenge statements revolved around food sustainability and security. Our teams performed well achieving 1st place and 2nd place for the Seen and Unseen challenges. Our girls were also invited to share more about their solution at the 'Garden Guru' event held at the DBS Foundation Outdoor Theatre on 26th July 2023, hosted by Mediacorp Personality Vernetta Lopez.

## HISTORICAL SCENE INVESTIGATION CHALLENGE



As part of their History Talent Development programme in RGS, our Year 2 girls participated in the NLB's Historical Scene Investigation Challenge 2023. About 104 teams from various schools participated in this year's contest. One of our teams won the 1st prize and was also presented with the Young Historians' Award by MOE. The other RGS team also did very well this year, receiving the Gold certificate.

## SINGAPORE ENERGY GRAND CHALLENGE (YOUTH) 2023

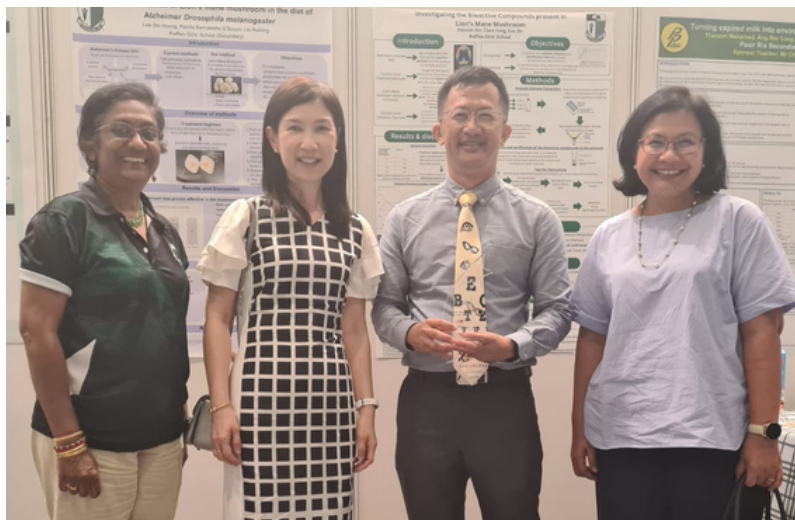


31 RGS teams submitted videos for the Singapore Energy & Grand Challenge (SEGC), a competition organised by the Energy Market Authority (EMA). Participants were invited to co-create and build the energy system they envision for Singapore by 2050. Team Potato emerged champions in the Junior Category while Team RGHikers and Team TBC attained second and third place respectively.

# SHINING STARS

## Spotlight on our Staff!

### OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TEACHER AWARD 2023 - MR CHAN SAU SIONG



Congratulations to Mr Chan Sau Siong on receiving the Outstanding Science Teacher Award. This award recognises teachers who are role models in the teaching and learning of Science, focussing public attention on the positive aspects of Science education, and raising the public image of the teaching profession. Award winners are teachers who ignite a love for Science in their students, use innovative methods to engage students in the learning of Science, and are passionate about making Science interesting and relevant to students.

### 29TH YOUTH SCIENCE CONFERENCE OUTSTANDING TEACHER ADVISOR AWARDS



We also celebrate the achievements of our exceptional teacher-mentors, **Mr Tan Ying Yang** and **Ms Cheong Szu Chuang**, who were honoured with the Outstanding Teacher Advisor Awards at the 29th Youth Science Conference (YSC).

# PORTRAIT OF A RAFFLESIAN

## KAH SHUEN'S RGS EXPERIENCE

We congratulate Gan Kah Shuen (Class of 2022) for being awarded the Rafflesian Award at the 144th Founder's Day. In this feature, Kah Shuen candidly shares the transformative chapters of her RGS journey.

From the thrill of House leadership to navigating the uncertainties of a pandemic, Kah Shuen reflects on her four years at RGS, where each challenge became a canvas for creativity. Dive into the essence of her experiences, from dance stages to startup ventures, and discover the unique spirit that defines RGS.

As she reminisces about cherished moments and camaraderie forged, Kah Shuen expresses her gratitude for the supportive community that shaped her RGS experience.

In this feature, discover not only the achievements but the heart and soul of a Rafflesian, offering a glimpse into a journey that goes beyond accolades and awards.



# PORTRAIT OF A RAFFLESIAN



*Kah Shuen receiving the Rafflesian Award from Ms Amanda Chong at the 144th Founder's Day*

## RECEIVING THE RAFFLESIAN AWARD

*"I felt incredibly honoured and humbled. I felt especially grateful to my family, friends, teachers, and mentors for their unwavering guidance and encouragement, and to RGS for the myriad opportunities that have shaped me into who I am today. Receiving this award, was a reminder of the impact and difference I could make on the communities around me, which keeps me going!"*

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## HER RGS EXPERIENCE

*"Four years of exploration and self-discovery. I came to RGS with no set destinations but with a sense of adventure. This gave me the impetus to join many new activities, from entrepreneurship, STEM, and humanities competitions, and the Science Mentorship Programme to House leadership and VIA projects, which allowed me to explore my interests, learn new skills, and further my passions. Through these activities, I met some of my best friends for life, who have been there for me and with me through my various ventures. Today, I continue to work closely with my three co-founders as we build our startup HandiShelf! Sisters in learning, sisters at heart, RGS has truly been my second home."*



*"House is where the heart is" Kah Shuen proudly represents Tarbet*



*Kah Shuen with her Dance International CCA members preparing for a concert*

*"My RGS experience was also filled with life and spirit. One of the key highlights would be serving as the Tarbet House Captain. Cheering "Tarbet is a Wonderful House" with fellow Tarbetians, planning Sportsfest, Orientation, and House events, and watching schoolmates have fun during these activities will always be a core memory for me. I also really enjoyed sharing the stage with my Dance International CCA for SYF, concerts, and school events. Beyond these, my RGS experience allowed me to grow as a leader and find joy in serving those in need, for example, migrant workers through Project MiLove's cybersecurity lessons."*

*"Navigating through uncertainty is also something unique about my RGS experience. Particularly, planning initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic meant many unprecedented constraints and last-minute changes. However, with the guidance of the teachers, these circumstances pushed my team and me to be more creative and dynamic and to adapt our ideas to make the best out of every situation. For example, my SVIA project, Project Esprit, turned our in-person exhibition into an online journal instead."*



# PORTRAIT OF A RAFFLESIAN

## WHAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT RGS?



*Kah Shuen working on her Year Four Geography project with her classmates*

*"I miss screaming during the Unite cheer and singing Dedication and Happy Birthday the RGS way. But more importantly, I miss the feeling of care and support in RGS – the comforting sense of knowing that I am in a place where there is always someone willing to lend a helping hand and a listening ear, and who truly wants what is best for you."*

## Hopes and Wishes for RGS

*"Treasure your time in RGS with your teachers and friends, try new things, and find your "why?". I hope RGS will continue to be a supportive home for students to discover their strengths and interests, and grow as daughters of a better age. RGS has been the best 4 years of my life, and I hope it will be for all of you too! Filiae Melioris Aevi!"*



*Kah Shuen with her friends on their last day at the Anderson Campus*

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