

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Guardians;

I would like to welcome everyone back to school virtually. It is great to see the students in the class sessions full of energy and enthusiasm to begin the new academic year. As for the new students, we welcome you to experience a wonderful and rigorous learning journey with us.

This academic year starts with the glory of achievements of the 20/21 Academic Year. We are also very proud of our Year 11 (20/21) students for their great achievements in their IGCSE results. They scored an average of between 80% and 100% credits in all subjects. 75% of the students achieved 6 As and above. The hard work by the students and teachers has paid off. This would not likely happen without you, the parents, supporting us. Good news - many of the students have secured scholarships for their tertiary education and we wish them all the best in their future undertakings.

We would like to congratulate those selected for the 20/21 Academic Awards. As we are unable to hold the award ceremony at this juncture, please find the list of the awardees in this newsletter.

To continuously maintain and improve our standards, we take a proactive approach to education with our Response to Intervention Framework that identifies any student who is not on on track to ensure each child is growing and thriving. We know a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Ms.Chandra Veerappan

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STARS OF THE WEEK (ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21 - TERM 1)

Week	Primary	Secondary
Week 1	Li You Ran (Y6)	Hermione Tan Xue Teng (Y11)
Week 2	Lim Ern Yee (Freya) (Y1)	Hew Qiao Jie (Y8)
Week 3	Qi Bing (Y5)	Muhammad Shafwan Bin Saleem(Y7)
Week 4	Khayla Lim Jia Yue (Reception)	Foo De Mi (Y7)
Week 5	Cheyenne Chew (Y3)	Kaylyn Lee Jing (Y10)
Week 6	Lao XiCai (Y2)	Lau Cui Shi (Y9)
Week 7	Song Jaeha (Y4)	Khow Jin Xen (Y8)
Week 8	Raneeea Syed Rusliza binti Abdul Qadir (Y6)	Lim Pen Nee (Y7)
Week 9	Skyler Ong Tun Herng (Y1)	April Yeoh Pei Ann (Y10)
Week 10	Clyde Andre Manzanilla Tubig (Y3)	Wong Joey (11R)
Week 11	Maruti Abhimanyuu a/l Gunasekaran (Nursery)	Pearl Diya Anoop (Y7)
Week 13	Lee Dokyeong (Y2)	Ho Pei Shuan (Y10)
Week 14	Hugo- Lau tze xuen (Y5)	Hew Qiao Jie (Y8)
Week 15	Li You Ran (Y6)	Valerie Tai Ci En (Y10)



STARS OF THE WEEK (ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21 - TERM 2)

Items	Primary	Secondary
Week 1	Pang Nuo Yang (Y4)	Seow Yen Lyn (Y9)
Week 2	Foo Ka Zen (Y1)	Nicole Ong Wen Yi (Y11)
Week 3	Lau Xin Ru (Y5)	Lim Jing Yan (Y7)
Week 4	Lea JaeMin (Nursery)	Liew Cheng Jiun (Y9)
Week 5	Vidya Amrithasri A/P Saravana Kumar (Y3)	Khow Jin Xen (Y8)
Week 8	Lee Dokyeong (Y2)	Chua Wen Jie (Y11)
Week 9	Wan Katrina Amani (Y6)	Hew Qiao Jie (Y8)
Week 10	Rudhra Senna Prasanth a/l Vasanth Prasanth (Y4)	Samitha d/o Thavanayagam (Y7)
Week 11	Maryam Hira Yasir (Y1)	Joylyvia Ling Ai Ern (Y9)
Week 12	He YuXuan (Y5)	Lai Kah Lok (Y10)
Week 13	Jili Yang Zhi (Reception)	Foo De Mi (Y7)
Week 14	Wan Kara Alani (Y3)	Saakshinie a/p Shankar (Y7)



STARS OF THE WEEK (ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21 - TERM 3)

Items	Primary	Secondary
Week 1	Chua Wen Hong (Y2)	Wong Qing (Y8)
Week 2	Ho Meng Hin (Y6)	Kaylyn Lee Jing Chun (Y10)
Week 3	Kyra Ngan ZiXi (Y4)	Hermione Tan Xue Teng (Y11)
Week 5	Isa Soon (Reception)	Joylyvia Ling Ai Ern (Y9)
Week 6	Megan Ong (Y5)	Valerie Tai Ci En (Y10)
Week 7	Shruthi Hariharan (Y3)	Lau Cui Shi (Y9)
Week 8	Variesh Dinakaran (Y1)	Hew Qiao Jie (Y8)
Week 9	Lee Pei Ying (Nursery)	Liew Cheng Jiun (Y9)
Week 10	Kim Eunyu (Y2)	Lim Pen Nee (Y7)
Week 11	Wan Katrina Amani (Y6)	Royce Fong Yin Hao (Y9)
Week 12	Annabelle Tan Hui Na (Y5)	Wong Joey (Y11)
Week 13	Dora Cheng Wyn Qing (Reception)	Toh Yong Ying (Y11)
Week 14	Khow Xin Yuan (Y4)	Khow Jin Xen (Y8)

Academic Awards 2020/2021

NURSERY



Lee Pei Ying

**Best Effort 2020/2021
Excellent Academic Performance
in : Malay & Mandarin**



Maruti Abhimanyuu a/l Gunasekaran

**Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English, Maths & IEYC**

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Academic Awards 2020/2021

Reception



Khayla Lim Jia Yue
Best Effort
2020/2021



Isa Soon
Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay



Cui ChenRui
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English



Moon Soohyeon
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths



Alexander Tan Kian Teck
Excellent Academic Performance in :
IEYC



Jili Yang Zhi
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin



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Academic Awards 2020/2021

Year 1



Lim Ern Yee
Best Effort
2020/2021



Skyler Ong Tun Herng
Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
IPC & Mandarin



Pang Nuo Chen
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English



Variesh Dinagaran
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths



Muhammad Mikail Bin Budiman Ali Hakim
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay





Academic Awards 2020/2021

YEAR 2



Chew Voon Cheng

**Best Effort
2020/2021**



Tan Qi Yuan

**Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay & Mandarin**



Kim Eunyu

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
English**



Lao XiCai

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths**



Sam Li

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
IPC**



Academic Awards 2020/2021

Year 3



Wan Kara Alani

Best Effort 2020/2021



Cheyenne Chew Zhi Yi

**Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay & Mandarin (Advanced)**



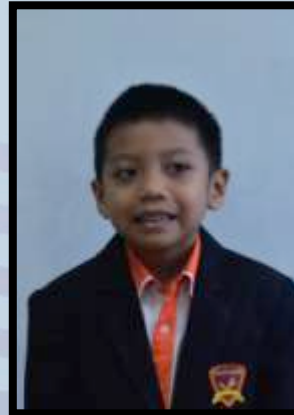
Carrie Anne Tan Hui Tian

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
English**



Shruthi Hariharan

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths**



Clyde Andre Manzanilla Tubig

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Basic)**



**Vidya Amrithasri A/P Saravana
Kumar**

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
IPC**

Academic Awards 2020/2021

Year 4



Khow Xin Yuan
Best Effort
2020/2021



Kyra Ngan ZiXi
Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
IPC & Malay



Chong Sheng Lok
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English



Rudhra Senna Prasanth a/l Vasanth Prasanth
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths



Song Jaeha
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Basic)



Pang Nuo Yang
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Advanced)

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Academic Awards 2020/2021

YEAR 5



Arianna Yip Kit-Ean

**Best Effort
2020/2021**



Tee Rui Jie

**Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English & IPC**



Annabelle Tan Hui Na

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths & Malay**



He YuXuan

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Advanced)**



Hemeindraa A/L Saravanakumar

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Basic)**





Academic Awards 2020/2021

YEAR 6



Karina Ngan ZiYu

**Best Effort
2020/2021**



Li You Ran

**Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English, Maths, IPC
& Mandarin (Advanced)**



Pang Ruo Qing

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay**



Ho Zu Yao

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Basic)**





Academic Awards 2020/2021

Year 7



Thoo Qi Zheng

**Best Effort
2020/2021**



Lim Pen Nee

**Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths & Mandarin (Advanced)**



Foo De Mi

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
English, GC & Mandarin (Basic)**



Lau Jun Bond

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Science & Literature**



Pearl Diya Anoop

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
ICT**



Gabriel Bong Jian

**Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay**





Academic Awards 2020/2021

Year 8



Natalie Hew Jia Rui
Best Effort 2020/2021

Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Advanced)



Hew Qiao Jie
Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English, Science, GC & Literature



Kwa Jia Hang
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths



Khow Jin Xen
Excellent Academic Performance in :
ICT



**Nur Qaseh Ireena Binti Ahmad
Hapizul**
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay



Soo Jenson
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Basic)





Academic Awards 2020/2021

Year 9



Lau Cui Shi
Best Effort
2020/2021



Liew Cheng Jiun
Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Maths



Joylyvia Ling Ai Ern
Excellent Academic Performance in :
English, Science, ICT, Literature &
Mandarin (Basic)



Teoh Zhou Xuen
Excellent Academic Performance in :
GC



Nik Nur Anisa Binti Nik Ahmad
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Malay



Wang ZiRui
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Mandarin (Advanced)

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Academic Awards 2020/2021

YEAR 10



Lai Kah Lok
Best Effort 2020/2021
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Comb.Science & English (2nd
Language)



Khalyaanii a/p Thinagaran
Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Add Maths, Chemistry, ICT, Malay, Maths
& Physics



Wong Xin Ru
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Accounting



Tiffany Woo Yan Tong
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Art & Design



Valerie Tai Ci En
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Biology, Economics, English (1st
Language), Literature, & GP



April Yeoh Pei Ann
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Business Studies



Ho Pei Shuan
Excellent Academic Performance
in :
Mandarin as Foreign Language



Kaylyn Lee Jing Chun
Performance in :
Mandarin as Second
Language





Academic Awards 2020/2021 Year II



Arvind Seelean
Best Effort 2020/2021



Hermione Tan Xue Teng
Best Student of the Year Group
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Biology, English 1st Language & GP



Brandon Ong Wen Li
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Accounting



Wong Joey
Excellent Academic Performance in :
Add Maths, Chemistry, Economics,
ICT, Maths & Physics



Nicole Ong Wen Yi
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Art & Design



Loh Yong Zhen
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Business Studies



Chua Wen Jie
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Combined Science



Toh Yong Ying
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
English as 2nd
Language



Lim Yan Rong
Excellent Academic
Performance in :
Literature





International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)



The International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) is a curriculum that has been informed by academic research and developed by Fieldwork Education. The curriculum recognises global best practices in early childhood education and the developmental needs of 2-5 years olds. The IEYC also supports key areas of development and relevant units that provide learning opportunities through holistic, inquiry, play-based approaches. And these skills can be adapted wherever the child is globally.



IEYC Learning Principles



<p>The earliest years of life are important in their own right</p>	<p>Children should be supported to learn and develop at their own unique pace</p>	<p>Play is an essential aspect of all children's learning and development</p>	<p>Learning happens when developmentally-appropriate teacher-scaffolded and child-initiated experiences harness children's natural curiosity in an enabling environment</p>	<p>Independent and interdependent learning experiences create a context for personal development and are the foundation of international mindedness</p>	<p>Knowledge and skills development lead to an increasing sense of understanding when children are provided with opportunities to explore and express their ideas in multiple ways</p>	<p>Ongoing assessment, in the form of evaluation and reflection, is effective when it involves a learning-link with the home</p>	<p>Learning should be motivating, engaging and fun, opening up a world of wonder for children where personal interests can flourish</p>
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International Primary Curriculum



Rafflesia International school has chosen to use the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) as it is a comprehensive, thematic, creative curriculum for 3-12-year-olds, with a clear learning process and specific learning goals for every subject. The IPC curriculum incorporates eight IPC Personal Learning Goals (see the following slide). Opportunities to experience and practice these qualities are built into the learning tasks within each work unit and are celebrated. We look forward to working through some exciting topics with our students this year in a fun and hands-on learning environment.





Personal Learning Goals

The 8 Personal Learning Goals in IPC aim to develop character and attitudes. The development of these goals will lead to the motivation and inclination to positively contribute to our local and global communities. Opportunities to experience and practice these specific dispositions are built into the learning tasks within each unit of work.

Adaptable

I accept change and I welcome new ideas.

Communicator

I give, receive and share information.

Collaborator

I work with others to complete a task.

Empathetic

I understand the emotions and feelings of another person.

Ethical

I know right and wrong.

Resilient

I keep trying, even when it is difficult.

Respectful

I am kind and polite to everyone.

Thinker

I have opinions or ideas about something I learned.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE USAGE AT RIS

English is an important language for communication and is spoken in more than 100 countries throughout the world. As an international school, the language of instruction at RIS is English.



PROTOCOLS OF ENGLISH USAGE AT SCHOOL

Students are required to speak English at all times, except for when in Mandarin and Malay class.

Teachers deliver all lessons in English.

Both students and staff are encouraged to use standard English.

Staff and students are made aware of the differences between standard English and Malaysian English..

Staff and students use standard British English in writing as opposed to American English.

Students are encouraged to do wider English reading outside the classroom. Please see the following information for tips on this.

IMPROVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

The benefits of reading books



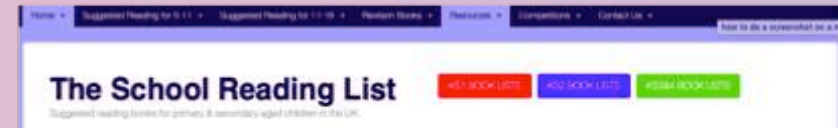
The English Department would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents at the start of this new academic year. As part of our focus on promoting high standards of achievement in English, we always encourage wider reading of English books outside the classroom. Books have many great benefits:

- **Books make us better communicators** - reading improves our vocabulary and enhances our language skills.
- **Books educate us** - so many books are full of useful information that makes us smarter, sharper and more open to new ideas.
- **Books keep our brains healthy** - the more you read, the more you stimulate your mind.
- **Books reduce stress** - books help us to escape the anxiety and stress of everyday life and help us to relax and relieve tension.
- **Books motivate us** - books have the power to inspire us with motivational stories which encourage us to keep moving forward and stay positive.
- **Books stimulate creativity** - books ignite our imaginations and have the power to stimulate innovative and inventive ideas.

We recommend that students read at least one extra book of their own choice every half term. To encourage this, please refer to "The School Reading List" website below from the UK which gives comprehensive recommended reading lists for each year group as well as much more useful information linked to reading. The

books are a mixture of modern and traditional and have been selected by leading experts in the UK. Some of the books are also available in our school library so students can also check with the librarian. There are so many fabulous books to choose from, no student will be disappointed. So go grab a book and start your adventure today!

Go to the following link to access the site: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk>



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Pastoral Care Article

BUILDING GRIT IN YOUR CHILD

Got GRIT??

❖ What is it, why it's important, and how to help your child get it.

Grit is defined as having perseverance and passion for long-term goals and working hard toward challenges, even when failure and adversity presents itself.

Grit is a “non-cognitive” skill, similar to self-control, resiliency, and curiosity.

Researchers now realize that grit is as important, if not more, than academic skills!

We know that teaching literacy and math skills are important for a student's long term success. But what happens when the math gets a little tricky? Or when the reading is “boring”? What keeps a student from giving? GRIT! That is what.

And, fortunately, grit can be taught!

how to help your child develop grit:

Praise the effort, not the grade

When you praise the “stick-to-it-ness” of your child's efforts, they will be more determined to continue working hard. Praising your child's hard work will encourage them not to give up.

Let them struggle

As hard as it is to see your child struggle, they need to learn how to work through frustration and failure. If you swoop in and save them before they fail, they will never learn how to deal with failure, which is a a part of life. While they're struggling, praise their effort!

Book Recommendation

The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed

“If parents back off the pressure and anxiety over grades and achievement and focus on the bigger picture—a love of learning and independent inquiry—grades will improve and test scores will go up.”- excerpt from the book

