Memories abound
As we gather around
At the ship
Where Friends are made
Relationships are grown
To help us through
Life’s journey.

- Ms Lilian Lye
BLGPS Teacher
I
joined this school in December 2010. Having come from a secondary school, it was a culture shock for me in the first two months. However, the teachers here are caring and I feel a strong sense of family culture in the school. My first activity with the staff was painting the dustbin as part of the staff CIP. Through the activity, I felt the collaboration, warmth and collegiality among the staff. Indeed, I am glad that I was posted here to be part of BLGPS family where teachers take the lead, care and inspire not only the children but also one another.

The school is on its way to fly high as can be seen from the string of achievements, ranging from academics to CCA to organisational awards, which were streaming in for 2010. This is possible because of the strong processes and systems put in place by the Principal, Mr Wan Imran Mohd Woojdy and Vice-Principal, Mrs Sng – Wong Ching Yee. There were also many good programmes aimed at equipping our pupils for the 21st century skills, getting them ready for future work life. Together with the hardworking and determined attitude from the staff, I am confident that BLGPS will leap to a great school in no time.

As stated in the school’s vision, our promise to our stakeholders: we see the possibility in each child and are passionate in helping the child reach his or her potential. And to do that, character education is the centre and driver in our school education. As the saying goes, a person without character is bound to fail in life. We strongly believe that through character development, our children will achieve all others. In the book "Character Matters", Thomas Lickona mentioned that ‘at the heart of effective character education is a strong partnership between parents’. We hope our parents will cooperate and partner with the school in bringing out the best in BLGPS children. I will do my best to collaborate, calibrate and support both the Principal and Vice-Principal to lead the school in the direction of nurturing BLGPS pupils for a better future.

Mdm Michelle Loh

Vision: The Garden Where Diversity Blossoms
Mission: Together We Nurture for a Better Future
Motto: Strive for Perfection
Mr Mohd Sahren Mohd Salleh  
(Assistant Discipline Master)

Everyday a New Day @ BLGPS is a platform in which the school broadens its values education and recognises pupils’ good behaviour as well as achievements before the start of each school day. Once a week, school leaders use this avenue to address topics and issues relevant to the acquisition of the 21st century competencies. Presentations on current issues are also done to inculcate in pupils the school’s CARES values.

Recently, a group of student leaders from P6/5 and P6/7 collaborated on a donation drive known as ‘CARES In Action’ to help victims of the Japanese earthquake. It was a good learning experience for the pupils as they learnt more about earthquakes, tsunami, nuclear radiation and the spirit of helping others.

Mr Tang Chee Weng  
(Member of the Character Development Department & Vice-Chairman of the school’s Staff Well-Being Committee)

During the first three days of Term 1, curriculum was suspended to make way for pupils to interact with their subject teachers whilst embarking on the character development programme. Pupils were reminded about the school’s CARES values through many interactive activities. Teachers spent time reminding pupils the importance of adhering to the class rules and also stressing upon them to work towards achieving their goal in academic and other school aspects. Overall, the programme was very well received by both staff and pupils as they embark on a new learning year.

Mr Francis Loh, Chairperson of the School Advisory Committee, on 25 March 2011.

To harness outdoor learning space for better engagement in values education, the school canteen has been redesigned as a venue to infuse school values and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies. Named ‘The FrienDShip’, the redesigning of the school canteen demonstrates the school’s commitment to deliver value-added holistic education to every BLGian. It was officially declared open by Mr Francis Loh, Chairperson of the School Advisory Committee, on 25 March 2011.

Mr Mohd Sahren Mohd Salleh  
(Assistant Discipline Master)
Chinese New Year Celebrations

Mrs Sharmaine Lew-Teo
(Teacher in-charge of Organising Committee)

BLGPS celebrated 2011 Lunar New Year in a joyous atmosphere. Prior to the celebrations, activities such as postcard colouring of the twelve Chinese Zodiac Signs, riddles and movie clips on Chinese New Year celebrations were carried out during Mother Tongue lessons. A fun and purposeful concert was held on 2 February 2011. We were honoured to have the PAGE parents join us during the celebrations. The programmes for the concert provided pupils with a holistic learning experience. Here’s wishing everyone a great Rabbit year ahead!

Total Defence Day

Mdm Siti Nur Baeyah Karim
(Teacher in-charge of Organising Committee)

On 15 February 2011, the school commemorated Total Defence Day. The day was filled with meaningful activities such as camouflage face-painting, first-aid demonstrations, food rationing and an obstacle course. At the obstacle course which was supported by pupils from various uniformed groups, it was heartwarming to see pupils cheering and displaying care for one another. However, the highlights of the day were definitely the fire-fighting vehicles display and live demonstrations conducted by SCDF personnel. The day was a good reminder for pupils that every Singaporean can play a part in the Total Defence of our nation.
Ms Nurfaldillah Hussain
(Teacher in-charge of Organising Committee)

The school commemorated International Friendship Day on 6 April 2011, with the theme “The World At Home”. Fun and engaging activities were carried out in the classrooms throughout the week. Our international pupils from Myanmar and Philippines were invited to share on their respective homelands and cultures during assembly. Our PAGE parents also set up booths to share with pupils interesting items, costumes and food from various countries. Pupils were also treated to origami-making, memory games and the traditional Korean ‘Tuho’ pitch pot game which they played during recess.

We have gained knowledge of the rich culture of India!

Information regarding cultures in ASEAN countries was presented to the pupils.

Pupils visited the booths set up by PAGE parents to enhance their knowledge of the ASEAN countries.

Prefects’ Investiture 2011

Mr Mohd Sahren Mohd Salleh
(Assistant Discipline Master)

2 March 2011 was a very special day for all prefects in Boon Lay Garden Primary School as it marked the challenge and honour in pursuit of life-long leadership journey. It was a proud moment for these prefects as they were officially appointed in the presence of the whole school after going through a rigorous nomination and selection process. As representatives of the student body, experiential opportunities will be provided for these appointed prefects to develop their leadership qualities and to lead by examples. With their A+ Attitude, we wish them every success in making a difference to the school.

Prefects vow their convictions during the Prefects’ Pledge.

(From left to right): Vice-Head Prefect, Jazz Tay (P6/7), Vice-Head Prefect, Chen Yuan Yuan (P5/8) and Head Prefect 2011, Ng Pei Nee (P6/5)

Our HOD Discipline, Mr Tam Ah Tack, welcoming a newly-appointed prefect.
Character Development @ CCA

A character development lessons package has been developed to facilitate the teaching of values during Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) in Boon Lay Garden Primary School. Ten values which are aligned to the school’s CARES values and focus of ‘Character before Achievement’ have been carefully selected. Local and international heroes are used to demonstrate these values. Key words have been identified and tag lines are adopted to provide clear linkages between these values and their benefits.
Modular CCA for Primary 3 pupils

Starting this year, most P3 pupils will go through modular CCA lessons to help them make informed CCA choices by the end of the year. They will be taught skills pertaining to the four CCA domains namely Sports, Performing Arts, Clubs and Societies, and Uniformed Groups.

There will also be some talent-spotted P3 pupils who will be involved in intensive training for competitions in sports and performing arts. These pupils have been identified by teachers for performance excellence.
Effloresco 2011, (Latin for to bloom and blossom), the school’s annual prize presentation ceremony was held on 25 March 2011. The school was honoured to have Mr Francis Loh, Chairperson of the School Advisory Committee, as the Guest-of-Honour. We also had the privilege of being in the company of two of our ex-Principals. They are Mr Brandon Wee and Mr Ng Seng Long, the first and second Principals of Boon Lay Garden Primary School, respectively.

It was an evening of celebration as we recognised the academic and sporting achievements of our pupils as well as showcased the performances of our CCA groups. The audience was certainly impressed with the varied talents at BLGPS, from the energetic moves of the junior Wushu team members to the dazzling dance performances and the melodious music played by members of the Instrumental Ensemble and Chinese Orchestra. Overall, it was a glorious occasion for all prize winners and performers as their collective effort had truly led to the success of the event.
The annual P5 camp was held at MOE Dairy Farm Adventure Centre from 4 to 6 April 2011. This year, we had a total of 290 eager participants. The young adventurers took on challenges such as the Rock Wall, Abseil Tower and various Challenge Rope Courses in the camp. Through team-building games and outdoor experiences, the pupils forged strong friendship with one another. At the same time, they also learnt to be independent. In fact, for many pupils, it was their first experience being away from their family. Despite experiencing wet weather on the second day, the participants maintained high spirits and they celebrated their accomplishments with a rousing campfire after sundown.

Mr Ng Ee Noch
(Head of Department / ICT)

This year, the school engaged AsknLearn, a Learning Management System (LMS), to provide quality online learning platform for our pupils. Through AsknLearn, pupils will be able to learn anytime, anywhere and at their own pace. They will also be able to collaborate with their friends and learn from one another through the use of blogs and wikis. Pupils are engaged in learning in a fun and exciting way.
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(Level Head / Science)

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This semester, the school hosted two visits to BLGPS. On 18 January 2011, the school welcomed 25 pupils and 5 teachers including the school Principal from SD-2 Yayasan Pupuk Kaltim, Indonesia. Besides having their first experience at our school’s innovative Hoopaerobics, our guests also visited the different learning corners and had a science lesson at the eco-garden. Positive feedback was collected from our guests and both schools are hopeful of a twinning partnership in the near future.

The school also hosted a group of 33 school leaders from Gombak school district, Selangor, Malaysia on 24 February 2011. The purpose of the visit was to understand the school system in Singapore. Together with a team of middle management, our Principal, Mr Wan Imran Mohd Woody, and Vice-Principal, Mdm Michelle Loh, presented some of BLGPS’s key programmes and initiatives. The visitors were impressed with the effort made by the school to create a conducive learning environment for BLGPS pupils. The visit has benefited both parties in many ways, including possibility of immersion opportunity.

To promote environmental awareness and conservation, some pupils from the Environmental Club spent 3 weekends at South West Clean and Green Carnival, Eco Day Out 2011 @ South West and BLISS Fun @ South West to teach the public on how to create beautiful card holders from used cartons as well as gift boxes from magazine. The young and old alike were keen to try their hands at making the items. Two of our pupils were also present at the World Water Day at Pandan Reservoir where they built a rain garden with members of the public.

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We Care for Our Environment

(From left to right): Yeo Yu Zhen (P5/8) and Mandy Leong Sou Mun (P5/8) posing with the rain garden they built at World Water Day on 20 March 2011:

Wong Hui Hui (P6/5) teaching members of the public how to fold gift boxes at Eco Day Out on 23 January 2011:

(From left to right): Vicky Poh Xin Yi (P4/8), Muhd Danish Shahlev (P6/1) and Wong Hui Hui (P6/5) posing with Minister for Finance, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, and Dr Amy Khor, Mayor of South West Community Development Council, at BLISS Fun @ South West on 13 March 2011:

Parents Action Group in Education (PAGE) Investiture 2011

Mrs Amy Ravie (Senior teacher & teacher in-charge of PAGE Committee)
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Mrs Premala Sekaran, Chairperson of PAGE Committee 2011, receiving her PAGE appointment from Principal, Mr Wan Imran Mohd Woody, during the Investiture Ceremony

PAGE parents and their children enjoying the sunshine during Parent and Child Team (PACT) activities at Woodlands Waterfront

PAGE parents having fun learning balloon sculpting after the general meeting

PAGE parents waiting to catwalk with our P1 pupil-models during Chinese New Year Celebrations
Kids Athletics National Team Challenge Award (Junior Category)
Organised by Singapore Athletics Association

Gold Award achieved by
Nurhanis Amriah Bte Abdul Rahim (P4/1)
Muhd Zunurraini Bin Mohd Zailani (P4/2)
Chakrit Ho Kai Hong (P4/3)
Muhd Rayyan Bin Shahrul (P4/4)
Suraj Singh Gill (P4/5)
Natasha Wulandry Bte Mohd (P4/6)
Guo Hong Yi (P4/8)
Chiok Pei Xin (P4/8)
Muhd Ahmed Khan (P4/8)
Charlene Legaspi Vergara (P4/8)

In recognition of the school’s excellent performance and dedication in developing pupils beyond the classroom, BLGPS has been awarded the IDA’s Infocomm Clubs Outstanding School Award 2010.

Congratulations to our Infocomm Club members!

10th St Teresa Intra-Club Taekwondo Championships 2011 (Poomsae events)
Gold
Izwan Quraisyah Bte Mohd (P5/2)
Gan Yao Yang (P5/7)
Ye Yu Tong (P5/8)
Gewe En Tong Sharan (P6/7)
Silver
Lim Jia Ying (P5/7)
Lee Choon Kang (P6/6)
Bronze
Haikel Azhar Bin Sadali (P5/7)
National Inter-Primary School Taekwondo Championships 2011 (Senior-male green belt Poomsae individual)
Gold
Tan Yoo Long (P6/6)

Congratulations to our Taekwondo warriors for their great achievement!

Pongal Pot Decoration organised by Boon Lay Community Centre

1st
Bahiyya Bte Basheer Ahamed (P3/3)
2nd
Sheen Thennawanan Richards (P5/8)
3rd
Jayakumar Khrineesh Kanna (P4/4)

Tamil Language Department

7th National Inter-Primary School Wushu Championships 2011
Gold
Jovan Lim Zi Jian (P6/7)
in 5-Duan Changquan & 4-Duan Cudgel (Senior Boys Division)
Silver
Goh Yee Sze (P5/7)
in 4-Duan Sword (Junior Girls Division)

Congratulations to our Robotics Club members
(From left to right): Joel Tan Xin Wei (P5/8), Tang Stu Yeun Enoch (P5/6), Neoprana Jawinara Soemardjan (P4/7) and Koh Ping Hui Bryan (P4/7). Not in picture is Sylvanisth Leong Kang (P5/6).

A team of five pupils from the Robotics Club won first prize in the Green City Robotics Competition (Primary) at Robofest 2011. Despite facing challenges of having to learn a new robotics kit and software within an extremely short time frame, our pupils witnessed that it is possible to achieve success if they adopt the right attitude and put in the necessary effort.

Answer the following questions correctly to win exciting prizes. Write down your answers on the piece of coloured paper attached. Submit your answers in the box provided outside the school hall by 20 May 2011.

1. On which day do we celebrate Total Defence Day every year?
2. How many Vice-Head Prefects does our school have this year?
3. Which level has to go through the CCA modular lessons?
4. Who was the Guest-of-Honour for Effloresco 2011?
5. Where did Mdm Norlita Muhd Sah, Mrs Sng – Wong Ching Yee, Mrs Amy Ravie and Ms Michelle Lauw go for the conference on holistic approach to education?
6. Name one venue that the guests from SD-2 Yayasan Pupuk Kaltim visited at our school.