



An Environmentalist

It has always been Miss Quek's belief that the environment that we live in should be handed over to the next generation in a better condition than it was handed to us. Therefore, we can all play a part in ensuring environmental sustainability. With many years of dedication and support from stakeholders, partners, school staff, parents and students, a community for environmental sustainability is built.

Clinching the President's Award for the Environment in 2019 was a collective effort of everyone in the school and she is grateful to everyone who has contributed in one way or another. It is the collective willingness to try and contribute that makes Mee Toh School stand out from the crowd as a school which cares about the environment.

Rallying everyone in school to recycle the recyclables was challenging. Initially, many recyclables were found disposed in the trash bins. What was needed was a mere few seconds to rinse and deposit them into the proper recycling bins for plastics, metals and tetra paks. Seeing this, she consistently urged every Mee Tohian to do his or her part to recycle.

She initiated our weekly recycling programme, and since then, every student was provided with their personal recyclable bag so that recyclables could be collected, cleaned and sorted out at home prior to bringing them to school for the weekly recycling.

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This photograph was taken in 2019 at the President's Award for the Environment ceremony.

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Miss Quek Yi Hui, Eleanor

Miss Quek's vision is to rally everyone in recycling right, supporting our school's and local produce, working together in harmony for our environmental projects through Interdisciplinary Project Work-Values-in-Action (IPW-VIA), Applied Learning Programme (ALP) and our school's environment initiatives to protect the environment. Through our innovations in environmental sustainability, we can help to reach out to many others to protect the environment.

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Let's hear from our MTS Teachers...

Overcoming My Fear in Mathematics

Like most teenagers, I was more interested in having fun and making friends than studying. After all, life is too short to be spent only on homework, isn't it? Soon, I found myself in deep trouble when I was in Secondary Two. I started to fail my Mathematics tests and examinations. It was like being stuck in deep mud - I just could not get myself out of the situation I had created for myself. Instead of resolving the issue, I chose to avoid the problem altogether and my results plunged further.

Reality hit me when I found myself at the bottom of the class. Shame and anguish washed over me. I could not believe it happened to me! I was at a crossroad then. I could choose to either give up or prove to everyone else,

and myself, that I could do better than that. I sought the help of a close friend who was very good in Mathematics. He coached me whenever he could and I made use of every minute I had to practise solving Mathematics questions. While the rest of the class were chatting away in between lessons, I was fervently working away on my Mathematics. Guess what? For the following test, I topped the class. Because of that experience, I know that nothing could beat me in life - I just have to give it my all and persevere.



Interviewee: Mrs April Chua Hui Lee
 Interviewer: Heng Xin Hui (P3-6)

The Most Impactful Book

"Is it possible for humans to discover the key to happiness through a bigger-than-life, bad-boy dog?" This book talks about mischievous Marley, a Labrador retriever, which crashed through seven doors, flung drool on guests, stole clothes and nearly ate everything he could get his mouth on. However, above all, Marley's heart was pure. He shared the couple's joy at their first pregnancy and their heartbreak over the miscarriage. Through it

all, he remained a model of devotion, even when the family was facing many tribulations in life. I enjoy the way the author has written the book in the voice of Marley. I have learnt an important lesson - unconditional love comes in many forms. If a dog can love this much, humans can definitely love much more.



Interviewee: Mrs Liew Meijing
 Interviewer: Goh Qian Hui (P4-2)

A True Mee Tohian At Heart ~ Growing From A Student To An Educator

The Most Embarrassing Moment in my Life

This incident happened when I was in secondary school. One day, I overslept and was very groggy because I had gone to bed too late the night before. I scrambled to get ready for school. I missed the bus that I usually took but managed to catch the next one. As I entered my classroom and walked to my seat, I noticed my classmates sniggering. Then, I realised I had worn my school T-shirt inside out! I was utterly embarrassed! I rushed to the boys' toilet to change and returned to class for lessons.

Interviewee: Mr Muhammad Amin Bin Mokhtar
Interviewer: Xiao Shunqi (P5-1)



The Most Impactful Book

The most impactful book I have read is "The Little Prince". It is a book that both adults and children could enjoy and learn from. The story follows a little prince on his journey as he travelled from his little planet to Earth. He visited many planets, met many people and made some friends along the way. I would like to recommend the story to my students because of the meaningful themes in it.

Interviewee: Ms Leow Ying Jie
Interviewer: Low Yu Xin Janelle (P3-5)



Mee Toh School was established in 1954 in Race Course Road. Back then, there were only three blocks in the old campus. The canteen looked rustic with wooden tables and benches. There were only three stalls then - drinks stall, noodles stall and rice stall. Do you know Aunty Alice who is the current owner of Stall 2, Noodle Delights? She used to sell drinks in the old Mee Toh School. Aunty Alice has known Miss Quek since she was in Primary 1 and needless to say, Miss Quek is happy to see her selling noodles in our school now.

Do you know?

Students used to brush their teeth along the drains after their recess during the Compulsory Toothbrushing Campaign in a bid to reduce tooth decay in children!



From left to right: Cheryl Leong, Eileen Goh, Miss Quek, Mrs Chia (Science Teacher), Loke Kok Hoe, Brandon Soh and Ong Jun Han



Miss Quek dressed as a chef in a skit presented during Vesak Day Celebration in 1998 when Mee Toh School was in Race Course Road.

Miss Quek joined the school in 1994 as a Primary 1 student. In the past, students used to have lessons using transparencies and blackboards with chalk which gradually evolved to whiteboard, markers

and the first generation visualisers where one had to scan the book or worksheet before projecting the contents. Despite not having sophisticated devices, the lessons were still meaningful and engaging. Debates, Interclass National Day Singing Competition and the annual Sports Day meant that students spent a lot of time out of the classroom, exploring and learning.

Miss Quek had the privilege to meet the school's founder, Venerable Kong Hiap, before he passed on in April 1994. She certainly had fond memories of him - she remembered going to the temple with her friends and whenever he was at the temple, he would welcome them with open arms.

Do you know?

In early 1994, Miss Quek and all 3 classes of Primary 1 students were invited over to the temple by Venerable Kong Hiap for lunch!

The Proudest Moment in my Life

It was the day when I was commissioned to teach in school after completing my training in the National Institute of Education (NIE) to be a teacher. I never imagined that it would be possible. Finally, I have the chance to teach and mentor those under my charge.

Interviewee: Mdm Ng Ai Lee
Interviewer: Goh Qian Hui (P4-2)



My Friends

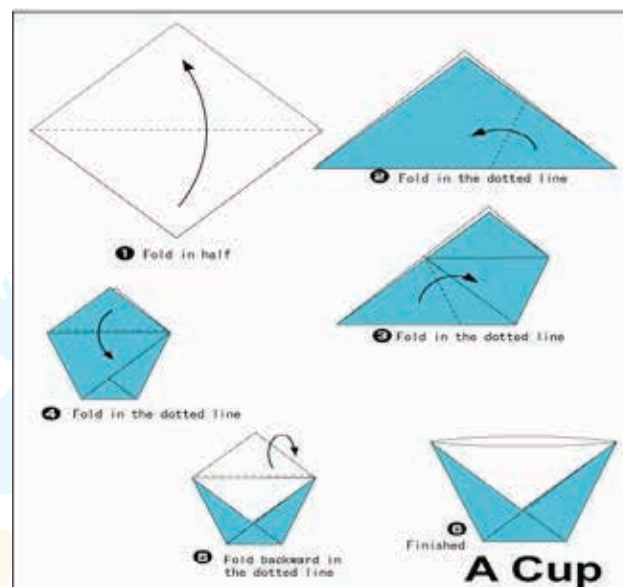
I met some of my good friends when we were studying in the same secondary school. Most of them were from the same class that I was in. Although we hardly get to meet one another nowadays, the bonding is quickly rekindled by well wishes or a greeting every now and then.

Interviewee: Mr Tan Han Khim
Interviewer: Low Yu Xin Janelle (P3-5)



Origami / Art Attack

Now with stricter Safe Management Measures in place, we are often reminded to stay at our seats. However, I need to throw my pencil shavings, eraser dust and the staples! What do I do about these? Fret not! Try this 6-step Origami and you'll get a Do-It-Yourself trash bin that can hold your trash!



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