A monthly newsletter to help you stay in touch with activities at Ascend

The Good, The bad and The Ugly

GOOD FOOD MONTH AT ASCEND!

Healthy Food Demo - 19th Nov

Teachers and students made healthy, delicious, ‘easy to make’ smoothies and crunchies to kick off ‘Good food month’

A lot of enthusiasm.....some were keen to make while others were keen to taste.......a great ‘after lunch’ treat for all!

Salads, breads, fruit were all part of the healthy food lunch. Students and teachers brought their favorite healthy dishes ...... Recipes were shared and notes exchanged------It was truly a ‘healthy treat’ for all!

Yummy Crunchies!

Cheers to ‘healthy food!’

Congratulations
Pre - Int 2!!
Winners- ‘Healthy Food Competition’
Thoughts, Views and Opinions.........

An 'Amusing' Travel Experience!

Last summer I made my first visit to Sydney for a short holiday. After enjoying a good dinner with my local friend, I insisted on going back to the hotel on my own, as I wouldn't like to trouble my friend. I took a taxi and showed the driver the address printed on the room card. The driver, who looked like an honest person nodded with a smile and we began our journey.

One hour passed and there was still no evidence that we are close to the hotel. All of a sudden, a strange feeling entwined me that perhaps the driver was taking me to a place I didn't know. I attempted to ask the driver whether the route is correct. He again nodded and said that the direction was absolutely correct. I had to stop the driver and call my friend for help. After a brief conversation between my friend and the driver, the driver altered the route and finally I reached the hotel where I was staying.

With no questions, I expressed my anger at the hotel manager and why they printed wrong address on the room card. The manager listened to my complaint with patience, then stared at me in surprise. He said,” Sir, may I read the small print at the bottom of the room card? It says, 'If anybody picks up this card, please send it to the address as above.' It’s NOT the hotel address, it’s the hotel company's address.”

Li Hui (John)
Student - Advanced

Sharing strategies...............

On 27th November, we welcomed a group of English teachers from Japan. They enjoyed an afternoon of sharing ideas and strategies with us.

Classroom strategies to teach Reading, Listening, Structure and Speaking were presented and shared. On the whole, a very productive afternoon! All of us went away with tons of new ideas.

TEACHER FACT FILE

Name: Tim Green
Nationality: English
Born: 18th March
Favorite sports: +- Loves watching Rugby, Football & Cricket.
Likes: Harry Potter, Roast beef, Wilbur Smith and swimming!
Favorite movie: “Highlander” with Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery.
Speaks: English & French.
Thoughts about Singapore: Nice weather, different cultures, great place to travel around.
Free time: spends with his family,
Ascend: Loves working here and meeting teachers and students from different countries and cultures.
Interviewed by: Kotoe & Kseniya (Pre Int 1)
Trip to 'Little India' for Deepavali

Every country has its own festivals. Deepavali is one of the biggest festivals in India. During this festival the streets are filled with traditional decorations, flowers and lights and you can hear traditional folk-songs. Lin, U-Int

It was a happy day when we went to Little India with class-mates, we tasted Indian food, looked around the market. Although I didn’t buy anything it was a fun trip and a happy memory. Yvonne, U-Int

An unforgettable day with friends and teacher Mr. U, Advanced

We were looking at decorations. They were very colorful, fantastic and amazing. The decorations had unique shapes and some of them are brightly lighted. We were really surprised how artistic they were. Haruka, U-Int

These are lights in many colors and shapes such as flowers, elephants, bees etc. Our teacher Annie bought some for her home. Christy-U Int

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‘Rangoli’ is a folk art from India. They are designs created on the floor with colored rice or flower petals during important festivals. A tough decision!

Rangoli Competition - 12th Nov

Students used colored powder and glue to create an array of colorful, innovative designs. Though it was a ‘first’ for most the designs were truly amazing!
December 2012

Birthday List
1st Dec – Shalom (Pre Int 1)
5th Dec – Pei Sing (Int 1)

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Events and activities
6th Dec – Film evening
10th Dec – Museum trip
19th Dec – Module 3 test
20th Dec – School holiday
21st Dec – Graduation
24th Dec – 6th Jan – Term break
25th Dec – Christmas

Library News

FAQs:
Q. Where is the student library?
A. In classroom F.

Q. When can I go there?
A. Whenever there is no class in classroom F.

Q. How do I borrow a book?
A. Write the date, your name and class, and the title of the book in the big green library register which is on the shelf with the books.

Q. What’s new in the library?
A. Latest copies of a variety of interesting magazines.

A very comfortable sofa!

-Jane Hellner
Librarian