Our first 'Singapore Experience'!

On 13th Oct. 2012(Saturday), ten of the fresh students, who came from China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam and Korea, gathered together and had their first great party in Singapore.

As students don’t have too much money, we chose Chinese and Japanese Gardens, which are free to the public, to hold the party. During the preparation of party, we got a lot of information including the location, the route, the map and some general comments from the Internet. Although we had seen a lot of pictures of Chinese and Japanese Gardens before in the internet, we still were shocked by the breathtaking scenery at the entrance of the Gardens. We thought we were stepping into a picture gallery. Our fingers just couldn’t stop clicking.

After visiting Japanese Garden, we played some fun games. Our first party finished with a big bang! Amazing views, joyful communication and funny games made everyone laugh and have an enjoyable day out.

Cheers,
Johnson - Student (Advanced)
(1st Prize- ‘Singapore Experience')

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NOVEMBER IS GOOD FOOD MONTH AT ASCEND!

Ever wondered why there is a gherkin in every McDonald’s burger?
Can fish really make you smarter?
What’s so great about blueberries?

This is your chance to share a healthy recipe or an interesting food fact, recommend your favorite healthy eating places or promote a healthy eating habit or change a bad habit........

CLASS COMPETITION TO PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING IN AN IMAGINATIVE WAY!!

- Create a video,
- Make a poster or
- Write a review about your favorite healthy eating

More information follows!
Ascend Health and Safety Committee - committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.
Thoughts, Views and Opinions...........

Why I am studying English at Ascend School.............
Nowadays, studying English is an important thing, if you want to get a better job. For me, I want to be a good teacher.

Teaching is a beautiful art. Wise men say, “It is better to teach through experiences.” So, to be a good teacher, experience is needed in life.

In my opinion, the best place to study and practice English in South-east Asia is Singapore. In Singapore, Ascend English school is suitable for international students because it provides us with experience and skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. The best way to find out is to come along and study at Ascend...........This is why I am here!

U Nyanawara
Student - Advanced

TEACHER FACT FILE

Name: Annie Fosselius
Nationality: Danish
Born: 18th January

My Hobbies: I love cooking, entertaining, playing games (board games, not computer games!), collecting and watching films.

What I like about Singapore: I enjoy the hot weather, meeting different people and of course the huge variety of food!

I think: Watching films is a good way to relax, be entertained, enjoy and improve your listening skills..........I have books and CDs and films you can borrow.....Do come and see me in room A and borrow a film, a book or a CD or two or three or.........

-Annie Fosselius

TAKE 5 Film Evenings

Do you like films?

Do you like to talk about films?

Would you be interested in a film club??

Two years ago Ascend had a film club .......We saw lots of films and we had a lot of fun.

I would really like to start the film club again.......I suggest we watch a film once or twice a month .......maybe on a Thursday from 5.15 pm to 7 pm(here at Ascend) and then we could go out for some food and drink and talk about the film.

If you are interested, please come and see me in room A

Annie
This year's Halloween party @ Ascend was a huge success. Over 50 students came dressed in their 'Halloween' costumes........from witches to vampires to pirates!!

The evening ended with a barbeque on the terrace...........lots of chatter, music and fun!
# November 2012

**Birthday List**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - Yvonne (UI)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Sylvio (II)

**Christmas in your country!**

Write and tell us how 'Christmas' is celebrated in your country (100-150 words).

The best essay will be published in the December newsletter!

Send your essays to

vini.mukherjee@ascend.edu.sg

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**A brief history of the English Language**

The history of English is divided into three periods usually called **Old English** (or Anglo-Saxon), **Middle English**, and **Modern English**.

It begins with the migration of certain Germanic tribes from the continent to Britain in the fifth century A.D. These tribes, the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes, crossed the North Sea from what today is Denmark and northern Germany. At that time the people in Britain spoke a Celtic language. Through the years, the Saxons, Angles and Jutes mixed their different Germanic dialects. This group of dialects forms what linguists refer to as **Old English** or **Anglo-Saxon**. The word "English" was called "Englisc" in Old English and comes from the name of the Angles. The Angles came from "Engle", from which 'England' and 'English are derived.

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