

Dear Parents

As we look back at 2015 and welcome 2016, it is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff and parents in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, the sporting and the creative arts to the numerous fun and meaningful 40th Anniversary events. We have achieved so much because we worked together as a team and this is one of the greatest strengths of the school. I would like to thank you all for your help and unstinting support in developing our Champions.

Through the launch of our 3E curriculum design for the cohort programmes we aim to excite, enthuse and inspire our champions.

With the Morning STAR programmes, LLP - Project-Based Learning programme, Speech and Drama lessons for P1 & 2, our Fathers@School programme - our students have an opportunity to be involved in an extraordinary number of activities which entails tremendous learning beyond the classroom. You would also see the school transforming its learning spaces in line with our Learning for Life programmes and we look forward to more changes when the PERI upgrading is completed by end 2016.



As we start the year, the story below is a reminder of the immense potential in our children and the importance of having high expectations...

The teacher and the taught

A young teacher from an industrial city in the north of England had accepted a temporary job teaching a class of four-year-olds out in one of the most isolated, rural parts of north Wales. One of her first lessons involved teaching the letter S so she held up a big colour photograph of a sheep and said: "Now, who can tell me what this is?"

No answer. Twenty blank and wordless faces looked back at her. "Come on, who can tell me what this is?" she exclaimed, tapping the photograph determinedly, unable to believe that the children were quite so ignorant. The 20 faces became apprehensive and even fearful as she continued to question them with mounting frustration. Eventually, one brave soul put up a tiny, reluctant hand. "Yes!" she cried, waving the snap aloft. "Tell me what you think this is!" "Please, Miss," said the boy warily. "Is it a three-year-old Border Leicester?"
Source: "Guardian", 2 November 2005

As we move forward into 2016, everyone matters at Yumin and each one of us makes a difference as we **Aspire, Strive, Achieve and Serve** to provide an enriched and progressive school experience for our Champions.

I am privileged to have the opportunity to lead and work alongside our highly committed, dedicated and professional staff and wonderful partners. As a team, we strive to provide a student-centric, values based education for every Yumin Champion. My staff and I look forward to working together with parents, stakeholders and the community to co-create the future of Yumin and to forge to greater heights.

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