



Bishops' High School Old Students' Association

Senior Class Notes

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Conversing with Young Minds

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On Friday, June 17, we awoke to heavy rain. However, brilliant sunshine ushered in our 13:00 hrs Form 1 activity at our Alma Mater, the Bishops' High School. The Headmistress, Ms. Beverly Daly, welcomed us and set the tone for the session.

Geraldine Maison Halls introduced two other members of the Seniors Committee—Elsie Grant Croal and Janice Jackson and the facilitators—Magda Pollard, Greta Pereira Fletcher, Holly Morgan, Joy O'Jon, Dawn Rickford McTurk and Vilma King Lynch.

The students formed six groups in which there were colleagues from each of the three Form Ones. With help from the Deputy Headmistress, Ms Marlyn Gibson, the students arranged the chairs in circles in preparation for the interaction with the facilitators. They listened attentively and expressed their views on several issues. They were eager to hear of our school days and made relevant comparisons. We learnt that several procedures re discipline and lateness have changed since we finished school. The students suggested the re-introduction of lockers for their books.

The students wondered why they have so few games and co-curricular activities. They were amazed at how the Grade 6 students of yesteryear were selected for entry to the few prized places available in Form 3 and the fact that there were two Prep Forms.

The facilitators encouraged the students to have self-discipline, to ensure that they do their best, so as to maintain their school's rich heritage.

Thanks to the Headmistress, staff and students for the opportunity to reminisce and interact with the students. We certainly look forward to other sessions as the need arises.

From the Students

We appreciate the session and the time spared to interest us in the Bishops' High School in past years. We find it interesting that the girls wore Panama hats, the type of uniform they wore and that the students sat on the floor during assembly. We were surprised to learn that students were given a detention whenever they broke three school rules.



DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France, where tennis became popular, zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Q: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Let's Celebrate

Aug 16 Florizel Matthews
Aug 18 Elsa Charles
Aug 21 Rosalie Griffith
Aug 22 Leila Too Kong
Aug 24 Joy O'Jon
Aug 26 Jean Sankies
Sep 9 Joyce Joao
Sep 13 Audrey Cameron
Sep 26 Irma Yhap
Oct 2 Esme Curtis



Oct 10 Audrey Odle
Oct 12 Margarita Harewood
Oct 15 Ethyl Wilson
Oct 17 Marlene Crawford
Oct 19 Yvonne Benn
Oct 21 Urma Fordyce
Oct 24 Margery Kirkpatrick
Oct 26 Lucille Cholmondeley
Oct 29 Holly Morgan
Oct 30 Eileen Robinson

