



WSA~EC Forum

Sharing by Tanjong Katong Secondary School

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Tanjong Katong Secondary School

Your Potential, Our Purpose

School Vision

Excellence Abounds,

Aspirations Nurtured

*To be a leader in providing value-adding,
all-round and global-oriented education*



Purpose



YOUR POTENTIAL, OUR PURPOSE



School Values

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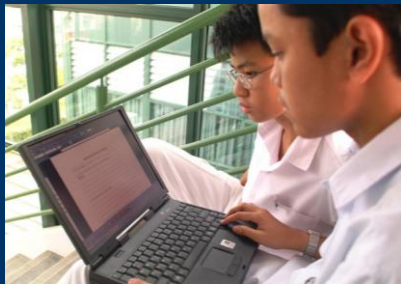
We believe in our *Ability to Succeed*.

We embrace *Ingenuity* in the pursuit of Creativity and innovation.

We value *Integrity* as it guides our every action.

We inculcate *Loyalty* to our school and nation.

We cherish *Charity* as it is a noble act to serve the community.



Approach

- Inclusive - adopt a whole-school approach,
- Responsive - ensure relevance
- Vibrant – inclusive and empowering school culture



Programme ~ Teachers



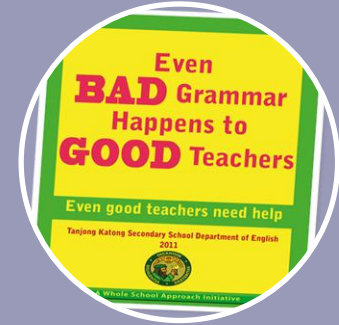
Weekly

- English via E-mail
- Preparation of Fortnightly Current Affairs Presentations



Monthly

- [EL Nuggets during Staff Connect Time](#)



Yearly

- [WSA Booklet](#)
- Seminar/Workshop
- Needs Analysis Survey

Spread across the school year



Programme ~ Students



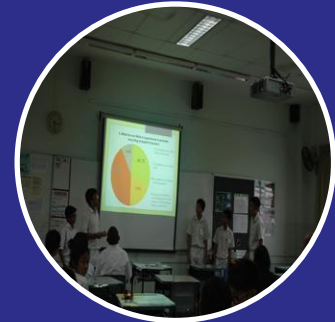
Weekly

- Fortnightly Current Affairs @ TK



Monthly

- Read-Pair Share Scheme
- Subject-based Presentations



Yearly

- EL Week Activities
- Sec 1 Oral Communication Package
- Sec 1 TLLM Ignite Presentation
- Sec 2 PW Presentation
- Sec 3 Student Research Presentation

Spread across the school year



Outcomes ~ Teachers

- Good feedback and response from the staff.
- Improved language skills in both written and spoken forms.
- Vocabulary expansion.
- Decreased use of colloquialism and slang.



Outcomes ~ Students

- Better oracy skills as seen in students' presentations and speech
- More confident of presenting to an audience
- Awareness of audience and context when speaking



Challenges

- Editing other teachers' work without offending the teachers.
- Having to make sure copyright issues were not infringed as some of the info and cartoons had been taken from the internet.
- Finding a slot for staff training



Moving Forward...

- Getting teachers from other departments to present EL Nuggets during Contact Time.
- Providing teachers with facilitation plans for Current Affairs discussions.
- Looking at in-house publications or sponsorships/subsidies from partners of the school for continued printing of Publications.
- Training to be integrated into Staff Connect Time and school T&L Conference.



One School

One Team

One Aim





TEAM TK



Q & A



Mister Spelling and Misspelling

The spelling of some words have been problematic since time in memoriam.

Here are some helpful tips to help you remember how to spell these words correctly.

ACCOMMODATE - verb
Spell accommodate with a double **c** and a double **m**; remember that there is an **o** before and after the **m**'s.
Related word: accommodation noun

ARGUMENT - noun
There is no **e** after the **u** in argument, even though it comes from argue.

BELIEF - noun
Rule: Belief and the related word believe follow the rule **i** before **e** except after **c** (as in thief).
Related word: believable adjective

DECEIVE - verb
Rule: **i** before **e** (as in receive)

DISAPPOINT
Remember the related verb disappoint with one **s** a

A LOT - phrase
You should use words, not happen in



Even BAD Grammar Happens to GOOD Teachers

Even good teachers need help

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A Whole School Approach Initiative

Subject and Verb Agreement...continued

- The relative pronouns (who, whom, which, and that) are either singular or plural, depending on the words they refer to.

The sales manager is a good researcher who spends a great amount of time surfing the Web for information.

Subject: the sales manager	Verbs: is, spends
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Subject: sales managers	Verbs: are, spend
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English is a Colourful Language...WHITE

raise/wave a white flag
- to indicate that you have been defeated and that you want to give up
The soldiers raised a white flag and surrendered to the enemy.

white elephant
- a useless possession (that often costs money to maintain)
The new airport is a white elephant and nobody wants to use it.

white lie
- a harmless or small lie told to be polite or to avoid hurting someone's feelings
I told my supervisor a white lie yesterday and said that I was sick when actually I was not.

white sale
- the selling of towels or sheets at a reduced price
We went to the white sale at the department store to buy some new sheets.

white-tie event/affair
- an event that requires guests to be in formal attire such as men wearing white
I attended a white-tie dinner in honor of the president of our university.

Also note **black-tie affair/event** has the same meaning.

Source: http://www.learn2good.com/learn2good/word_blacktie_e.html



Black Tie Affair

"A philosopher once said, 'Half of good philosophy is good grammar'".
A.P. Martinich, philosopher

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Grammar Quotes

"Grammar is which knows how to invent even things"
- Thomas Jefferson

"Grammar is the art of making sentences that are not understood."
- William Shakespeare

"Only in grammar can you go to church than perfect."
- William Shakespeare



English Language Bloopers

The writer did not know that machine might be the primary production 'machine' to fabric better looking clothes. The word 'big' was used for the new library, 'big' from 'big'.



Ungrammatical Expressions

The writer did not know that machine might be the primary production 'machine' to fabric better looking clothes. The word 'big' was used for the new library, 'big' from 'big'.

If someone had been able, it would be clear to other way than 'would' to say that the book 'The Great Gatsby' is a 'big' book.

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