

i-360

INNOVATION

IMAGINATION

INTERACTIVE

CEO Message

Renowned artist, Michelangelo said, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." Indeed it is the imaginative mind that has helped create many of the beautiful art pieces, architectural buildings and wonderful inventions in the world. Often, it is not easy to see the final creation from something plain. A canvas remains an empty canvas until a creative artist paints a picture on it. Metal pieces are just bits of metal until an inventor turns them into a functioning machine. A computer is just a piece of machine until a creative programmer creates a killer app with it.

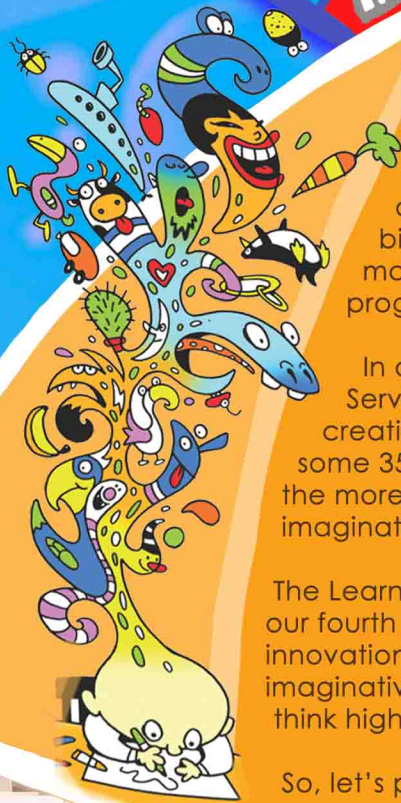
In a recent speech, Mr Eddie Teo, the chairman of the Public Service Commission (PSC) had noted the lack of imagination and creativity as one the key flaws in our 18-year olds after interviewing some 350 of the brightest for government scholarships each year. All the more in this 21st century economy, we will need our brightest to be imaginative and creative to stay relevant.

The Learning Grid Group and our partners are pleased to present to you our fourth issue of I-360, a publication celebrating imagination and innovation in education. As Dr Seuss, the highly successful and imaginative author said, "Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!"

So, let's put on our imaginative caps!



Yee Jenn Jong
CEO
The Learning Grid
& 360 Education



Teachers' Training

Once again, we did various training programmes for teachers during the year. A group of teachers from The Children's Place were inspired by our training on teaching art styles to children. They did further research into more art styles and trained their young students. The entire school, right from the 1.5-years old to the kindergarten children put up an excellent art exhibition at The RELC Hotel. It was a truly inspiring application of putting into practice what the teachers have learnt.





Celebration's Time

SG 50

Junior Category

Singapore is 50! Yes, it is our country's Golden Jubilee and a great time to celebrate. 360 Education organised the "Singapore in Doodles" competition from January - July 2015, supported by the Singapore50 Celebration Fund. Over 14,000 students were trained through assembly shows and workshops. Over 1,400 creative entries were received covering all sorts of themes related to Singapore - multi-culturalism, food, history, SEA Games, important personalities in Singapore, past government campaigns, places of interest and more. More can be found at sg50doodles.wordpress.com.

The winning entries were exhibited at the Jurong Regional Library in September, together with an on-the-spot doodling competition on iPad, organised with Sapura Technologies Pte Ltd.

Great efforts on the submissions! Keep on doodling!



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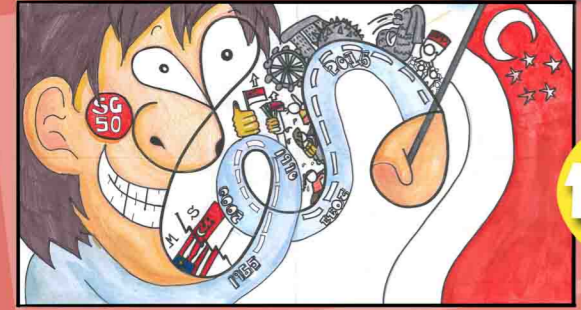


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Senior Category



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Special thanks to our judges, Ms Chi Pin Lay, Mr Bradley Foisset and Mr Shaun Ng.

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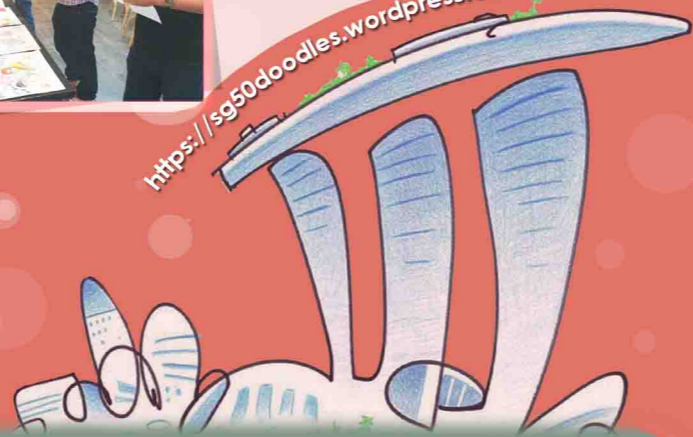
iPAD Doodling



SG50 Showcase @ Jurong Regional Library



Training for SG50 Doodle





RIGHT ON TOP

The **Right On Top** Phonics programme was piloted in Bazhou in the province of Hebei in China in 2015. Some 100 preschoolers went through several months of fun-filled thrice-weekly lessons.

Right On Top is a series of English resources designed to help early learners acquire the English language in an engaging manner. The lessons are infused with videos, songs, games, art and other fun activities to help children learn better.

The preschoolers sure had great fun and learnt fast. They even put up an English concert performance at the end of the pilot.

In June 2015, Ms Sharon Ngoi conducted training for over 80 teachers and principals in preschool in Bazhou on the importance of 21st century skills and how to teach English as a foreign language to young learners. In December 2015, she also trained teachers in Bali using the **Right On Top** approach.

Art @ The Library



SG50 Art Exhibition

360 Education's founders contributed their art pieces for a SG50 Charity Art Exhibition in June 2015. Their paintings about Singapore were exhibited alongside those by several other artists at The Arts House. Two highlights of the event were the contribution of art pieces by visually impaired budding artists and songs presented by an artiste who was recovering from a medical condition that had affected her vocal cords. It was great to celebrate the overcoming of adversities!



Cherrii's Story

I wish to share about a Singaporean girl named Cherrii Lim, who passed away on 18 Sep 2015. She was 12, from Punggol Primary school.

Cherrii was a student on KooBits Maths portal, an e-learning platform we developed to help children acquire mathematical skills.

On 27 Aug 2015, I received a call from Cherrii's teacher, telling me that there was one of her students had been fighting Leukemia for the past 6 months. Her doctor believed she would probably last for just a few more days. Her parents wanted me to pay her a surprise visit.

I was sad to hear the news and puzzled why Cherrii would be happy to see me, a complete stranger, in the last days of her life.

I went to the KK Hospital ICU and was shocked to see her condition. She was completely immobilized by the treatments. Her face was swollen. She could not speak a word. She was in great pain.

Her father explained that Cherrii always wanted to meet the creator of KooBits. He showed me a video of Cherrii using her iPad to finish her daily Math challenges on KooBits, while she was crying out of pain from the illness.

"No matter how unwell, that's what kept her going," father told me, "She loves maths, and she loves KooBits. She never missed a single day of practice and learning in the past 6 months."

Later I found out, Cherrii emerged as the Top Brain of Singapore for 2015 season 1, while she was in ICU. That meant she had beaten more than 8,000 P6 students from all over Singapore.

After my visit, I shared her story with our community of users. Hundreds of students from all over poured in their well wishes and support online. Another 3 weeks passed. I quietly wished that the doctor was wrong, and that Cherrii could get better.

On 19 Sep, I received a message from Cherrii's Dad, "Hi Stanley, sad to inform that Cherrii had passed on yesterday morning. On Thur nite 9.15pm, even how unwell, she want to complete her KooBits. Thank u KooBits for making her life so fulfilling..."

Her last submission at our portal was indeed about 7 hours before she passed on. She had fought on to the last moment of her life, never missing a single day of Maths. I wish I could freeze the moment, making her the champion of Singapore forever.

I attended her wake. She looked peaceful. I felt like losing an old friend even though we never really talked.

I have learned that life is fragile, yet it can be so strong. Cherrii was so brave, and yet was at the mercy of her destiny. It made me question the meaning of life again.

What does life tell us if we, the parents, are to raise a happy child for 12 years just to see her suffer and die young? Maybe Cherrii's story is meant to be shared as an inspiration especially to those who are fighting against tough life challenges. Maybe her life is to tell us to treasure our loved ones before we regret for not doing so. Maybe that's what she was fighting for.



Stanley



Cherrii loved mathematics, and hence, in remembrance of her, we have decided to dedicate a new awards program to promote Cherrii's fighting spirit.

This awards program will be named after Cherrii. Its purpose is to highlight students who have shown exemplary resilience in their life, especially students who demonstrated their deep interest in Mathematics. This award will raise the awareness of difficult life challenges that some of our students face, as well as to give financial support to needy students.

Awards Program

For the 1st year, KooBits will award up to 10 qualifying students who are able to demonstrate their love for learning, perseverance and fighting spirit despite challenging life circumstances.

- Cash awards of \$300 to \$500 per student
- Nomination is done through school (1 nominee per school)
- Nomination will be open from Mar to May 2016
- Awards will be given out in Sep 2016

For enquiries, please feel free to contact our program to our program i/c, Mr Aaron Chua, at 68732370 or via email at ask@koobits.com. www.koobits.com



Programme for Active Learning

360 Education has successfully executed PAL visual art courses for thousands of pupils yearly since working with PAL pilot schools in 2010.

We incorporate themes that are popular with children to integrate visual arts skills with social and emotional learning. Our lessons are filled with fun group activities and art games. Art is integrated with the development of creativity, imagination and interpersonal skills.

We have also published cartooning books, DVDs and online materials to support the lessons. Schools can purchase these to be used by teachers for PAL and other visual art classes.

We also provide AMIS instructors for art classes. We have various courses approved under the National Arts Council (NAC)-Arts Education Programme (AEP).

Here are some interesting art pieces we have captured during our training:

Primary Schools



Secondary Schools



Doodle - PALs (China)

360 Education have been actively collaborating with overseas schools for its annual Doodle-Pal exchange. Since 2010, selected Primary 1 students from Park View Primary School are paired with overseas students to doodle for one another based on their hobbies.

The Singapore students drew their squiggles which were sent over to Bazhou, China and likewise for the Chinese students who created the squiggles for their Singapore friends with Chinese ink. Ms Luyao from 360 Education was in China to guide the students to transform the squiggles into creative drawings. It was indeed a fun experience through art!



Magic of Doodling Assembly Shows



Once again, artists from 360 Education inspired tens of thousands of students to doodle during assembly performances throughout the year at preschools, schools and at public libraries. Each session, lasting between 30 minutes to 2 hours, was conducted in the style of renowned TV artist Øistein Kristiansen. Students were entertained with creative doodling intermixed with magic.

This year, we have added Speed Painting to our repertoire of activities, with our artists completing a portrait on a large canvas within the duration of a song.

The Doodling shows are eligible for NAC-AEP funding for schools and preschools.

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