



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents

The proverbial saying 'every cloud has a silver lining' expresses the notion that, no matter how bad a situation might seem, there is always has some good aspect to it. In the midst of this Covid-19 pandemic, some of the fear and anxiety which we as parents are facing relates to our children and how all of the restrictions will affect them. Is this isolation having any effects on them or are they falling behind?



We love our children and naturally we want to protect them. But perhaps this pandemic, though difficult and scary for us and our children, has the potential to positively impact our children for the rest of their lives. Struggle is an inevitable part of growing up. It is often failure that is our greatest teacher. Although we do not seek out adversity and difficulty, ultimately they often play a part in defining who we are and determining the direction of our lives.

This pandemic will provide our children with some very important lessons in life that will guide and direct them. Firstly, I believe our children are

learning to appreciate many things that most of us have taken for granted our whole lives. When it is finally all over, this pandemic is going to forge in our children a lifelong appreciation of things like going out to eat, seeing a movie with friends, holiday trips, and simply the joy of being together. We have worried that devices and technology available to them were going to isolate this generation of young people, but now it is possible that our children will appreciate community even more than we did.

Secondly, it is my belief that our children are going to be much more prepared for the ups and downs of life. Through this difficult situation, our children have learned that life is not easy and that there are no guarantees in life. Ultimately, our children will have a much deeper value of money and understand the importance of being financially ready for the difficulties that life brings their way.

Finally, I am of the view that this pandemic will have a positive impact on our children's education in the long run. Our children are going to enjoy school more than they did before; most students prior to the Movement Control Order would have said that they do not like going to school. There will be a new sense of joy for many in attending school with their friends and learning together, in addition to being in the classroom with their teacher. Many students are going to enjoy the co-curricular activities much more and find pleasure in attending school events that some students skipped in the past like concerts and Open Days. Importantly, many students will have gained the skills and confidence of knowing that they can learn online which will open up new possibilities for them to be lifelong learners anywhere in the world.

The 'silver lining' in every cloud does not necessarily make the rain go away, but it can help us have a different perspective of the rain and give us hope that good can come out of this difficult situation we are in.

**John Chuah**  
Head of School

## Mother's Day

During the recent Mother's Day, the students of UniWorld wished their mothers a Happy Mother's Day with their handmade cards.

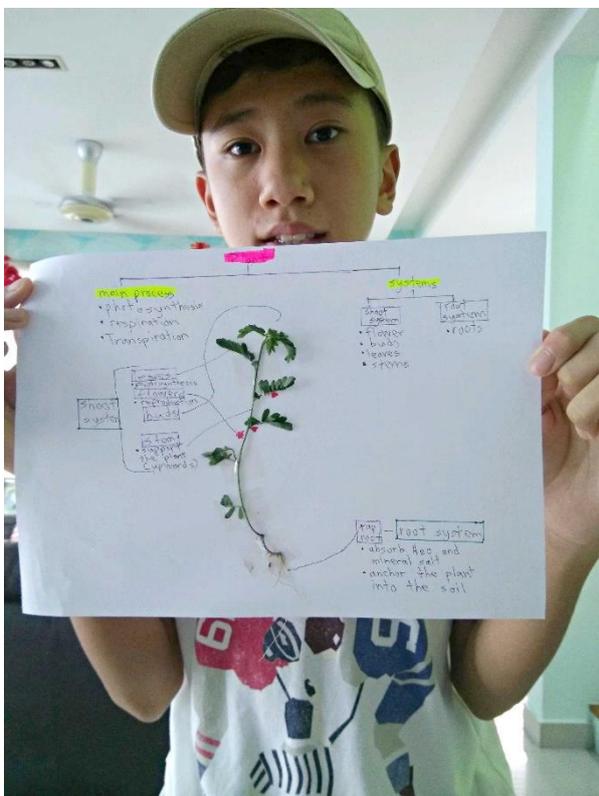


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## Learning Science Online

Secondary 2 students conducted a simple home experiment on atmospheric pressure. In this experiment, students filled a cup with water, put a flat plate on the cup and then inverted the cup and plate while holding on to them. Next, students slowly released the hand which held the plate. Because of the atmospheric pressure, the plate will not fall down.



Secondary 1 students were required to construct a simple mind map of the plant system. Plants are made up of two main systems which are the shoot and root systems. Constructing a mind map using a real plant helps students to understand and identify the organs that make up both systems better.

**School remains closed but learning continues online.**

## Online Kindy Classes

We are very proud of our Kindergarten 1 and 2 students who have transitioned very well to online learning.

Below are pictures contributed by parents for Mathematics lesson (skip counting by 2), Social and Emotional Learning lesson (sea creatures). The bottom right picture features Poh Min Ann from Kindergarten 1 displaying her poster on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

