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# MY PALS ARE HERE!


Whether your best playmate is a friend, a toy or a family member, we celebrate them! Here are some fun games we play together!



I like playing games.  
My favourite is Twister,  
Strengthening my legs.

Giselle Tan Le Xuan 5G

Squishies, Squishies, oh, so fun!  
How I wish I could get one.  
Different sizes and shapes,  
From cute kittens to grapes.  
But, Mom laughed at my wish like it's a pun.




Aurelia Tan Xuan Ting 5H

I have a brother named Ethan  
Who loves playing with a mitten.  
The fact that he is cute  
Is something we can't dispute!

Julian Loo Yan Jie 5K

I have a friend named Bird  
Who is really weird!  
Once, Bird plucked and ate a rose.  
I was disgusted and said, "Gross!"


Wee Kai Yang, Zachary 5K



We are playing Monopoly,  
Where you have to own property.  
There are many characters.  
We wait to see the winner  
And save up all our money!


Ayzac Ng Tian Shun 5G

Lego, building blocks.  
Lego, creates anything.  
Stacking up and up.




Daniel Goh Hao Yang 5H

My stuffed toy rabbit,  
I have hugged it every night,  
Since the age of five.




Chua Jia Xin Clara 5L

My best friend's name is Giselle,  
And it rhymes with Estelle,  
She's always calling me puny.  
Oh, and she also likes some candy!



Estelle Chen Xuanqi 5G

At least two players,  
Ladder means up, snakes means down.  
Portable and fun!



Elise Koh Jia Xin 5I





# TERRIFIC TRENDING TOYS

WITH A MILLION TOYS AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET, HEAR THE  
TAONANITES SHARE ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE TOY!

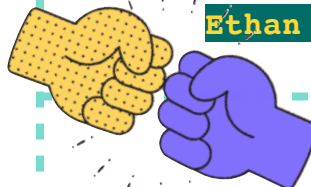


My favourite toy right now is a football and it's no ordinary football! It was actually given to me by my father when I was little. Ever since, I have kept it with me in my room. Whenever I feel bored, I will play with the football and train my football skills!

**Lucas Jerome Augustin 5H**

My favourite toy right now is a pop-it. I find that it helps to relieve my stress when I feel anxious or uncomfortable. What makes me like it more is that it was a goodbye gift from my good friend!

**Ethan Chay Hao Xuan 5K**



It is my soft toy dog. It has been with me since I was a baby.

**Bertrand Gan 5J**



I play with Lego blocks or have a game of chess sometimes. I do not have a favourite toy since I focus more on the arts now.

**Brigitte Rusli 5J**



It is my soft toy cat. Its name is Tellow and its colour reminds me of caramel. I like it very much.

**Jacob Lee 5J**

WHAT IS YOUR  
FAVOURITE TOY  
AT THE MOMENT?  
WHY?



I do not have a favourite toy as I love all of my toys equally. It will be a very difficult choice since they are all great fun to play with!

**Reyes Tan Rong Ying 5I**



My favourite toy is a glow-in-the-dark pop-it fidget spinner. Why do I like it? Not only does it glow in the dark, it can spin really well and it is extremely satisfying to do the popping!

**Megan Kong De Ying 5K**

I actually do not have a favourite toy now but I remember I used to love playing with dolls when I was younger. I guess it was because I loved how I could let my imagination go wild when I played with my dolls.

**Zhuo Hanying Penelope 5I**

It is a Nintendo Switch gaming console. There are a lot of classic Mario games on the Switch.

**Julien Lim 5J**





# 3 MUNCHIES

THAT ARE A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!

Adults always tell kids not to play with their food but what if some food is meant to be played with? Here are our top 3 fun food products, tried and tested.

## CORIS WHISTLE CANDY

Reviewed by Jacob Chan Wei Leung 51

Do you long to whistle but find it hard to? Well, the Coris Whistle Candy is the perfect solution for you!

The bright colours on the candy package cannot be missed. Inside the package are eight pieces of perfectly round sweets, each with a hole in the middle. They come in a sweet shade of pink. At the bottom of the package, there is a small box which contains a surprise toy.

Pop the sweet into your mouth and keep it upright between your lips. Then, blow lightly through it and there will be a whistling sound! The volume of the sound depends on how hard you blow it. The candy tasted both sweet and savoury and I finished my entire packet in a matter of minutes.

Coris Whistle Candy will be great for those who have always dreamt of whistling. It is reasonably priced at \$1.50. Whistle your way to the stores and try to collect the different toys!

**FUN RATING:**



**APPLE'S APP-VICE:**

Sugary food should only be an occasional treat for yourself!

## FUN FACT!

The Coris Whistle Candy tastes just like Ramune, a Japanese carbonated soft drink that is equally fun.

Ramune is sold in a Codd-neck bottle, a glass bottle which is sealed at the mouth by a round marble instead of a cap. The pressure of the carbonated drink is the reason that the marble can seal the bottle tightly! Cheers!



## MEIJI YAN YAN TSUKEBO BISCUIT STICKS

Reviewed by Koh Zhe Rui Jarrell 5J

Biscuit sticks with a chocolate dip are not new to me but this is my first time trying biscuit sticks with chocolate and sprinkles! The plastic container has a red wrapping which is eye-catching. Retailing at \$1.20, it is reasonably priced with a generous portion of biscuits.

The biscuit stick is crunchy and has a tinge of salt and sugar. The chocolate dip is velvety smooth and gives a burst of sweetness when you put it in your mouth. I have lots of fun when I dip the biscuit stick in the chocolate dip and rainbow sprinkles. They are a perfect combination and is very tasty.

I like how this product has been designed for us to decide how much chocolate and sprinkles we want to have on our biscuit stick. However, it will be better for the chocolate and sprinkles compartment to be wider for easier dipping. Overall, this would be a fun experience for all who like sweet food. Start crunching on your biscuit stick with chocolate dip and sprinkles now!

### FUN RATING:



### BREAD TALKS:

Sugar can cause health problems if eaten in excess!

## KINDER JOY EGG

Reviewed by Lee Rui Xuan, Arwen 5L

Kids love to play with toys. They also love to eat chocolate. So, why not buy the Kinder Joy Egg? As its name suggests, this product is shaped like an egg. When you open it, one half has the chocolate while the other has a toy. Do not worry about your food being contaminated as the chocolate and the toy are wrapped up. The egg is blind packaged so you will not know what the toy is.

What we like about the egg is that it comes with a free plastic spoon. That way, you do not have to use your own spoon. However, we wished that the packaging would indicate which side of the egg contains the toy. It is quite a hassle to want to open the toy first but end up with the chocolate.

On the bright side, the chocolate is super delicious and the toys are really cool. Try a Kinder Joy Egg now!

### FUN RATING:



### CARROT CARES:

Flossing is the only way to clean in between your teeth effectively!

All reviewed snacks can be found at major supermarkets!



# 5 Questions With...

CAN TEACHERS ACTUALLY RELAX & HAVE FUN?  
SOLVE THE MYSTERY NOW!



Miss Lam May Fong



## What were some games you played when you were a child?

We were poor and so my parents could not afford to buy me any toys. I made paper dolls myself and they kept me well occupied throughout my childhood days.

## Do you prefer online games or physical games? Why?

I have never enjoyed any online games. They make my eyes teary. I would rather go to the park for a jog or take a brisk walk. I like to keep fit and healthy so that I can take care of myself and my elderly mother.

## Currently, what is your favourite hobby and why?

Well, I like reading and watching Chinese dramas. (I also love teaching and you can regard that as a hobby!)

## What is a game or hobby which you will recommend to the Taonanites?

Hmmm... maybe Scrabble (I play the online version). It strengthens my word power.

## How does a fun day look like to you?

A fun day would be when my mind is absolutely decluttered with work and I get to do what I wish at my own pace (:

## What were some games you played when you were a child?

They were basketball, zero point, playing Catch at a sand-filled playground, just to name a few.

## Do you prefer online games or physical games? Why?

Now that I am older, physical games have become a little tougher. Online games on the other hand allow me to keep my mind thinking and challenged without the possibility of muscle aches and pain.

## Currently, what is your favourite hobby and why?

I picked up aquascaping lately but it is not something I can keep up with as it takes time to do it and finding time is hard. Also, once the fish tank is established, I do not really want to disturb the fish too often.

## What is a game or hobby which you will recommend to the Taonanites?

I would recommend any games or hobbies that stimulate thinking, for example puzzle games. As much as possible, be involved in physical activities as a healthy body promotes a healthy mind.

To me, a fun day is spent doing the things that I love!



Mr Matthew Ngiam



**What were some games you played when you were a child?**

I played five stones, hopscotch and zero point.

**Do you prefer online games or physical games? Why?**

I prefer physical games as I can interact face to face with my friends and family. For online games, I can only type my responses on my phone or computer.

**Currently, what is your favourite hobby and why?**

My favourite hobby is rock climbing as my family and I can learn how to persevere together and develop our determination. We learn how not to give up and to keep trying.

**What is a game or hobby which you will recommend to the Taonanites?**

I will recommend badminton as we will learn to persevere and build camaraderie and team spirit with our friends. Besides, we also get to learn a new skill.

**How does a fun day look like to you?**

It is enjoying a delicious breakfast with my family, going outdoors to play or riding the skate scooter at East Coast Park. In short, spending quality time with my family!



Mdm Phua Mei Yan



**What were some games you played when you were a child?**

Outdoor games:

1) Hopscotch 2) Catch 3) Five stones

Indoor games:

1) Monopoly 2) Snakes and Ladders 3) Othello

**Do you prefer online games or physical games? Why?**

It will be physical games! I prefer face-to-face interaction with my friends.

**Currently, what is your favourite hobby and why?**

I have no time for any hobby — haha. I am usually catching up on television programmes I like when I have time or watching documentaries.

**What is a game or hobby which you will recommend to the Taonanites?**

Hmm... it will be good for students to engage in different types of sports e.g. basketball, badminton, hopscotch. As for hobbies, I wish I had picked up a musical instrument.

**How does a fun day look like to you?**

Playing a friendly game of badminton or tennis and then having a good meal followed by an aromatic cup of coffee with dessert. :)



Othello

Mdm Gloria Poon



Chapteh





Although there were suggestions made to consider the use of tablets for activities such as a Kahoot game in future events, the students also expressed that they had learnt English better through the activities conducted during English Week. Some even said that they managed to improve their English and have cultivated a love for the language.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEK 2022 RATED A\*

**JOSHUA CHEONG 5L, LOW ZED LERR-PEH 5J**

In Term 2, Tao Nan School celebrated English Week, a week filled with fun activities for students.

Apart from speeches presented by those in the Primary 5 English Special Programme (ESP), fun contests and exercises to raise awareness on the correct usage of English were carried out.

One of the class activities involved showing the students several signs with grammar or spelling errors. "Our English teacher showed us images of signs with incorrect usage of English for us to correct! I really

enjoyed it. Everybody was very enthusiastic because there were prizes to be won and that made it even more exciting!" said Chan Qai Jerr of Class 5L.

Students were also treated to episodes of 'The Queen of Good English'. This funny video was enjoyed by students and teachers alike. "I loved it! It was so funny!" Joel Yip of Class 5L remarked.

English Week overall was a huge success, with students rating it an A\* in a survey conducted after it was over.



English Week has reinforced in the students the school vision, Love to Learn and Learn to Love. Students will definitely be looking forward to the next English Week which is bound to be as meaningful and fulfilling as this year's.





# P5 SCHOOL CAMP TEACHES TEAMWORK AND LIFE SKILLS



## MAY CHEN CI EN 5H, CHUA JIA XIN CLARA 5L

The Primary 5 students of Tao Nan School attended the annual school camp from June 27 to 29 and July 21 to 23 this year over two locations.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the students were unable to stay overnight. Instead, the students reported to Jalan Bahtera Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first two days and ended with a session at school from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the last day.

Over the two and a half days, many games and team building activities were carried out.

The Low Element activities such as Nitro Crossing and

Tyre Cross were the favourites of most students. The Tyre Cross required a lot of teamwork, and the students enjoyed it by cooperating well and supporting one another.



"The Tyre Cross was my favourite activity as everyone helped to achieve a common goal," said Kelleigh Tiong from Class 5H.

Many students also liked the outdoor cooking. "I learnt how to cook outdoors without the usual cooking equipment but with items that do not require electricity!" said Emily Poh from Class 5K. The students had to work in groups of three to prepare noodles with other ingredients. After cooking, we could enjoy our own special creation.



The Primary 5 Camp was a resounding success and will continue to be a memorable tradition for Primary 5 students for many years to come!





# STRESS, OUT! D.I.Y!

We're  
blown away!

KEEP YOUR STRESS AWAY WITH 2  
DO-IT-YOURSELF BALLOON STRESS BALLS!



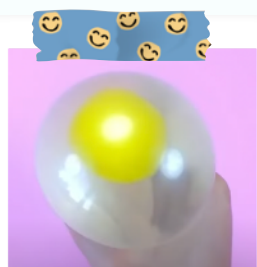
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## EGG STRESS BALL

During the exam period, we might get stressed. Keep calm and make an egg stress ball now!

### YOU WILL NEED:

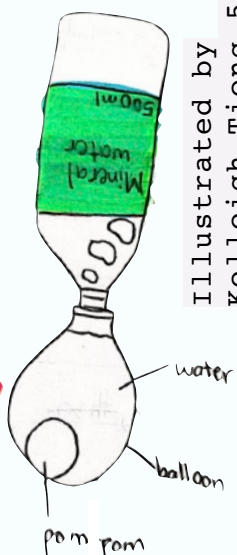
1. A clear balloon
2. A yellow pom pom
3. A bottle of water



EGG-CITING!

### STEPS:

1. Put the pom pom into the balloon.
2. Blow the balloon to puff it up slightly.
3. Twist the neck of the balloon.
4. After opening the bottle of water, stretch the opening of the balloon over the mouth of the bottle.
5. Tilt the bottle and give it a gentle squeeze until the round part of the balloon is filled with water.
6. Take the balloon out and tie a knot.  
(You can ask an adult for help if you have trouble tying it!)



Illustrated by  
Kelleigh Tiong 5H

ENJOY YOUR EGG STRESS BALL  
BUT DON'T EAT IT!

BY MAY CHEN CI EN 5H

## PEEK-A-BOO STRESS BALL

Follow these easy steps to make  
a fun and sparkly stress ball!



### YOU WILL NEED:

1. A clear balloon and a coloured balloon
2. Glitter 3. Scissors 4. Funnel 5. Water

### STEPS:

1. Pour the glitter into the clear balloon.
2. Stretch the mouth of the clear balloon over the mouth of the funnel. Pour water into the balloon until it is full.
3. Tie a knot for the clear balloon.
4. Take the coloured balloon and cut 3 small holes on the round part.
5. Cut off the neck of the coloured balloon.
6. Stretch the hole at the top of the coloured balloon over the filled clear balloon to cover it.
7. Squeeze your stress ball and you will see the clear balloon pop out of the hole below. Peek-a-boo!



**SQUEEZE YOUR STRESS BALL ANYTIME FOR A  
SATISFYING POP-OUT BALLOON SURPRISE!**



BY EMILIA  
NGIAM YU CEN 5I


# Fun-tastic Memories!

Poems about some memorable moments which we will look back on and smile about.




When I failed my piano exam.  
Like a leopard that lost its prey,  
A shark that missed its pup.  
So different from the day  
When I finally mastered Fur Elise.  
Like a bird soaring in the sky,  
A dog wagging its tail.  
Such is the life of a piano enthusiast!

Joshua Cheong 5L




Vacation  
Enjoyable, Memorable  
Exploring, Enjoying, Playing  
Australia, Gold Coast, Deadlines, Presentations  
Boring, Focusing, Exhausting  
Long, Hard  
Work

Tiong Jia Ning Kelleigh 5H



We came into the court,  
Deciding who the winner would be that day.  
We took our beloved racket and  
In the blink of an eye,  
The competition had started.  
Spectators cheered on each of our sides.  
Focus.  
That trophy sitting on the table was calling my name.  
I hit the shuttlecock continuously with great power.  
With all those smashing, jumping, moving, running.  
The opponent was tough.  
A tie ensued and tensions grew.  
Who would win that gold trophy?  
An opportunity!  
A smash on the opponent unexpectedly.  
I won!

Lew Rui Qi, Stasia 5J




Bicycle  
Breezy, Fresh  
Exploring, Competing, Exciting  
Park, Wind, Displeasure, Night  
Preparing, Frustrating, Dreading  
Tedious, Stressful  
Chores

Lim Yew Min Emyria 5J

I like running with my friends.  
We run along the long, winding track  
What we need and really lack  
Is stamina, while running on the track.  
Relays, sprints, throwing, jumping,  
Are all related to running!  
You never know which event is coming.  
What you need to strive for  
is the perseverance to run more.

Low Zed Lerr-Peh 5J



Theme park  
Exciting, Frightening  
Running, Laughing, Cheering  
Toys, Parties, Highlighters, Drills  
Writing, Crying, Complaining  
Ordinary, Dull  
Desk

Vera-Anne Tan Ruo Qi 5J

## If you could travel back in time,

# what advice would you give your Primary 6 self?

Ever wondered how your Principal, Vice-Principal and teachers were like when they were twelve? Here is an exclusive glimpse of their younger selves and some wise advice for you, our current P6 students!

**I** used to be a shy girl who was extremely quiet during lessons and would avoid any eye contact when my teachers asked questions. Whenever my classmates were having chats or playing games, I would usually be the listener or the observer. If I could travel back in time, I would advise my Primary 6 self to be less conscious of the perception of others and to be more confident. I would be more participative in learning and active in the interaction with others. In that way, I would have exhibited the growth mindset and experienced exponential growth that could have helped prepare myself for the future!



**MDM POH QINYU  
PRINCIPAL**



**E**njoy learning and playing with your friends like you've always done!

**MRS CRAYON TAN**





**I**f I could travel back in time, I would tell my Primary 6 self that studies is not everything nor is it the only thing - I would take time to explore other interests like picking up a new sport, drawing or playing a musical instrument.




**MR FRANCIS LIM**








One piece of advice most apt for this season of life would be to embrace the new experiences ahead of you with an open mind and a brave heart. At the turn of the new year, you'd be in a different school with a different culture, meeting people you'd never met before. You'd begin developing a renewed understanding of yourself as you grow in personality. You'd encounter new knowledge and acquire new skills, and be both intimidated and wowed by what else lies beyond your cognition. Be prepared for a roller coaster ride!




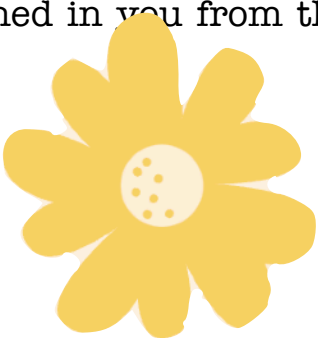
I remember being so exhausted and confused by the myriad of experiences months into secondary school that I blurted unthinkingly to a friend, "I'm so tired of all this learning! I don't want to learn anymore!" At that moment of articulating that, I was slapped by the absurdity of my youthful folly. It dawned on me that I was really not going to be richer or wiser with a guarded mind and timid heart. My friend and I had a good laugh at my childish proclamation, but it was a realisation that stuck with me for a long time.



You'll find yourself outside your comfort zone more often than not. Remain anchored in the values so ingrained in you from the years of education in Tao Nan. All the best!

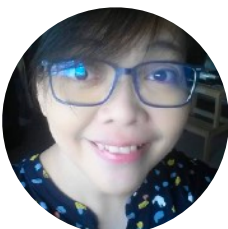


**MS NG HUI MIN**  
**VICE-PRINCIPAL**






If I could travel back in time, I would tell my Primary 6 self to adopt a growth mindset and not be easily defeated by challenges and setbacks. I would encourage myself that I'm doing my best and should not be so hard on myself.

~The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing. ~  
Socrates



**MDM SHARON LIU**





**P**rimary 6 is the one of the most exciting phases of life. There are so many opportunities and adventures waiting for you. If I could turn back the clock, I would tell the twelve-year-old me to study hard, try new things, get out of my comfort zone and follow my passion. I was not a student who was independent. Instead, I relied on my parents very much and thus did not really dare to try new things. I was afraid of disappointment and failures. However, as I grew older and wiser, I realised that people have to go through failures to understand and treasure success. Success is like a durian - smelly on the outside but sweet on the inside. Nevertheless, I'm now doing what I love and I love what I do.

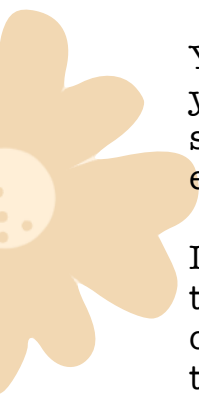


**MRS EUNICE LAW**



**D**ear 12-year-old Me,

Life is not a steady-paced stroll in the park, nor is it like a story mountain (which the English language teacher tells us when writing our compositions), with a well-planned beginning, a middle and an end. It is filled with twists and turns and changes. Sometimes, we choose to change, but most of the time, change is not by choice.



You wish time will stand still when you are happiest in primary school, but you cannot. You go to a new school, ten times bigger than your primary school. You meet new interesting people. You gain new knowledge and new experiences.

In your new journey ahead, it will be good to have a flexible spirit, recognising that your best-laid plans are worth being adapted, even scrapped, when circumstances call for it. Most importantly, you need to have faith and know that whatever the situation, you are meant to be this person at this time and place, to make this contribution to the world.


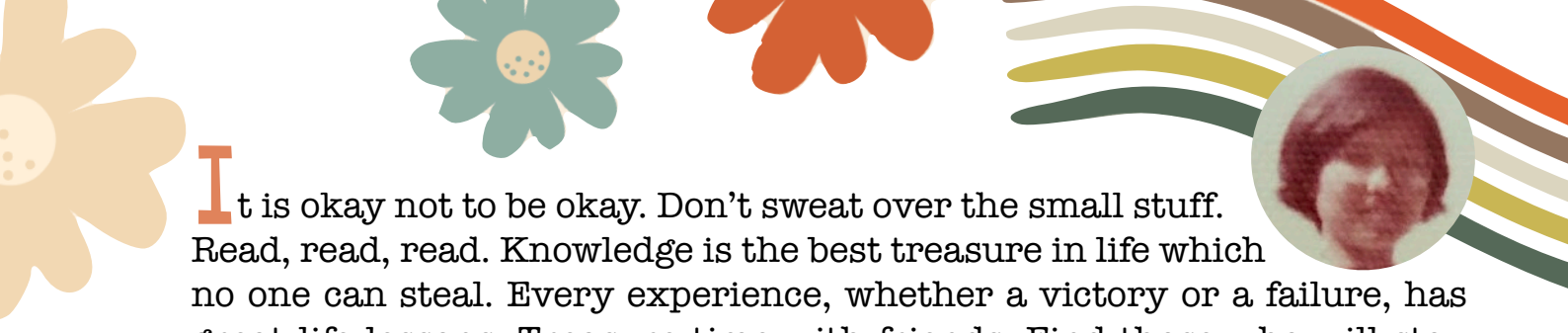
And you must do it well, with all your strength and passion.

With love,  
An older and wiser version of yourself



**MRS MIMI CHEONG**







**I**t is okay not to be okay. Don't sweat over the small stuff. Read, read, read. Knowledge is the best treasure in life which no one can steal. Every experience, whether a victory or a failure, has great life lessons. Treasure time with friends. Find those who will stay as your friends forever. Life is really more than just getting ahead of others. It is so much better to be moving ahead together. Enjoy the little moments that bring a smile. They are what build great memories. Worry less and smile more. Build character - it adds so much meaning to life. Wisdom is always more important than intelligence.



**MDM PATSY HOON**



**A**s the sole breadwinner, my father worked round the clock to support our family of six. As a result, I was not able to spend more time with my father back then. Now that he has passed on for more than twenty years, I really miss him and cherish the times we spent together.



Being the eldest in the family, I had to juggle my studies with helping my mother with the household chores and looking after my younger siblings. I wished I had more time to revise my work and to push myself to study harder for my PSLE. Today, as a mother of three boys, I give them space to focus on their studies and develop their talents in sports and as national athletes.



**MDM HAYATI**



**T**he advice I would give to my Primary 6 self would be:

1. Do not define myself by anyone's opinion of me.
2. Remember that I can accomplish anything if I work hard towards my goal.
3. Learn how to talk less but listen and observe more.
4. The world is a mixed bag. Learn how to deal with favourable and unfavourable people.
5. Last but not least, always remember to live the way you love.



**MISS SHREEN**

