C’est avec beaucoup de ferveur que nous présentons notre E-Newspaper qui couronne les exploits de notre collège Pailles SSS. Cette édition est spéciale car nous ressentons une fierté énorme pour cet établissement scolaire qui porte haut en couleur un drapeau vert qui symbolisera nouvelle culture verte. Alors, tenez-vous bien, chers lecteurs, Pailles SSS a décroché le ‘green flag’ et notre oiseau emblématique le ‘paille-en-queue’ portera désormais le ‘green flag’ durant son envol dans la vallée de Pailles.

Nos étudiantes ont excellé dans plusieurs compétitions. Cet exemplaire met l’accent sur les activités extracurriculaires ainsi que les initiatives remarquables du collège. Diverses activités ont été organisées, parmi le Food Day, la journée de l’environnement, le Prize Giving Ceremony entre autres. Le ‘National Inter College Film Competition’ a propulsé nos adhérentes vers de meilleurs horizons où elles ont pu faire face à la caméra et ainsi favoriser un apprentissage cinématographique et par extension théâtrale. La liste est longue et nous en sommes fiers que notre équipe innove et se focalise sur les nouvelles exigences éducatives. Nous remercions l’équipe de la rédaction ainsi que tous ceux qui ont contribué à la réalisation de ce E-Newspaper. Soyez verts et Bonne lecture…

Equipe de la rédaction : Pailles-en quête
As the year is drawing to its end, Pailles SSS is eventually endowed with reward and honour. Our work as a persevering and industrious team has got its reward – The Green Flag. Yes, we are now a Green School, the first state school to have achieved this award from the Eco School International Programme this year. For those who are still unaware of this project, Eco-School is the largest sustainable school’s programme in the world and is run by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). Eco-School empowers students to be the change of our sustainable world needs by engaging them in fun as well as action-orientated learning. Eco-School is operated in the Indian Ocean by the Indian Ocean Commission ISLANDS project funded by the European Union.

The journey to green flag, this year, has simply been fun and focus. As the school has embarked in this assignment, the support of the students, staff members, parents, staff from the Ministry of Education & Human Resource, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research and the local residents has been immense. I seize this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders. Indeed it is a success to be cherished and shared not only inside the school but even outside – Livestock Feed Limited, CAP Limited, local shops; United Bus Service for the fish donation among others Pailles SSS team members attended the award ceremony on Thursday 30th November 2017. We were still on cloud nine over the Eco School trophy when came the day for the National Intercollege Film competition organized by the Ministry of Arts and Culture on 1st December 2017. Our joy and success were doubled when, Anastasia Gerard, our student, was awarded Second Best Actress for the category above fifteen years.

A beautiful way to end the year, I wish each and everyone a Happy New Year 2018.

Mrs K.D Dowlut
Rector
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

I have been a member of the PTA for four years and I am glad to say that Pailles SSS has evolved during the last two years. Discipline is firmly restored, progress is being monitored and students are motivated to participate in school projects. The perception of parents, regarding the school, has changed. Yes, today, it is with great satisfaction that I feel that Pailles SSS is crossing the rubicon with all these awards being achieved.

I thank the Rector Mrs Dowlut, the teaching and non teaching staffs for their hard work and I am confident that in the future Pailles SSS will be sought after by both parents and students. Together we will surely build a bright future for our children.

Mr. Ismael Utteenun
President of the PTA
The term **school culture** generally refers to the beliefs, perceptions, relationships, attitudes, and written and unwritten rules that shape and influence every aspect of how a school functions, but the term also encompasses more concrete issues such as the physical and emotional safety of students, the orderliness of classrooms and public spaces, or the degree to which a school embraces and celebrates different activities.

Here at Pailles SSS, everyone lives like one family. Whenever there is an activity at school, the co-operation among lower and upper classes along with the Rector, teaching and non-teaching staff is seen. Activities namely Sports day, Food day, Environment Day, Music Day, Prize Giving Day are celebrated annually.

 Teachers are the back-bone of any school, they are the ones who inculcate moral values in students, encourage them to do better in their life, train them to grow as responsible adults, moral values such as respect, tolerance, friendship are taught here at Pailles SSS. Not to forget about discipline, one of the most important values instilled in students, making sure that all the rules and regulations are abided by.

_Habeeba Rassool_

_Head Girl_
The Development of our school during the last two years

We have been at Pailles SSS for nearly five years and it’s during the last two years that we have witnessed changes at different levels at our institution. Improvement in discipline, security, cleanliness, adherence to rules and regulations is palpable.

During our early years at school, the girls were less compliant to the dressing code of the school. Some were wearing jeans with their dress uniforms and others had colourful headscarves. When the rector arrived, she redesigned the uniforms and polo shirts have been introduced and the students were not allowed to wear anything that is against the school regulations. Now the girls are happy with their new uniforms.

Security has been reinforced, cameras have been installed on the premises and this allows a check on unlawful visitors who might get into the compound. There has been a change in the attitude of the students with regards to cleanliness. There are sanitary bins in the toilets; more dustbins and this allow the girls not to litter. The new flower pots embellish the yard. Last year Pailles SSS joined in the Eco School project and this has enabled everybody at the school to be more environment-conscious.

Some students used to come late to school and now there has been an improvement in their punctuality. They adhere more to rules and regulations of the school.

All the positive changes that have occurred at school during the last two years are due to the drive and motivation of the rector Mrs. Dowlut, the superintendent Mrs. Dauhoo and the teachers. We believe that we will experience more development in the future at Pailles SSS.

Nailah Utteenun and Shaima Sohawon
Form 5 Red
En parlant de Pailles on pense tout de suite au soleil ardent qui brille dans la vallée. Mais cette vallée perd ses couleurs vertes avec les bâtiments qui poussent comme des champignons. On coupe les arbres pour faire de la place à une jungle en béton. Les arbres restants du haut des collines appellent au secours.


On commence par le ramassage et le tri des déchets. Des poubelles sont mises à la disposition de tout un chacun pour les papiers, les bouteilles en plastique, les batteries usées. Et là, la communauté locale y apporte sa contribution. Des marches de sensibilisation sont organisées pour conscientiser toute la localité quant à l’importance de la propreté et de l’hygiène et l’utilité du recyclage.

Par ailleurs, Pailles SSS initie les filles, nommées les « paillettes », à la subsistance saine. Elles sont motivées à manger équilibré et à vivre sainement. Dans cet élan elles s’adonnent aux classes de zumba et des sessions d’instruction civique leur sont dispensées pendant les classes d’activité, entre autres.

Aujourd’hui la transformation se sent et se voit dans le mode de vie de chaque individu à Pailles SSS. Grand comme petit, tout le monde se joint pour éviter le gaspillage, que ce soit de l’électricité ou de l’eau. L’hygiène est appliquée dans les salle de classes tout comme dans les toilettes et la cour du collège.

Heureux de ce changement, la Rectrice et les membres du comité « Eco-school Project » prennent d’autres initiatives pour embellir l’enceinte de l’école et mettent sur pied une pièce d’eau qui donnera naissance à la culture aquaponique.

D’autres transformations écologiques pour une Pailles meilleure ne tarderont pas à venir… Restez branchés!

Mme Peerbocus - Educatrice
Developing YOUNG INVESTORS

“Business studies” is not simply a subject. Whether you are a doctor, an engineer or a housewife, everyday important decisions are taken. This is where Business Studies comes in action. It shows how people consciously or unconsciously undertake the role of an entrepreneur constantly.

This year students of Pailles State Secondary School have had the opportunity to participate in various activities under the aegis of this subject. Firstly, students of Grade 12 have been able to participate in the Stock Exchange program award where they have had the chance to invest in companies listed on the Stock Exchange and especially to acquire fundamental skills needed to be a fine investor. They were able to grasp a realistic picture about how companies’ shares are bargained on the market. Following this activity, they have been awarded a certificate of participation.

Also, the students participated in Air Mauritius Award where they carried out a project aiming to find new strategies and solutions for the celebration of the company’s 50th anniversary. The students made an outstanding work as they learned about team building and, most importantly, respect towards each other.

The journey of activities continued where the students of Grade 13 also participated in the Omnicane Award 2017 after which they will be awarded a certificate.

Mr. Jilani - Educator

Sens du CIVISME et D'APPARTENANCE

Le 9 mars dernier, les filles du collège d'état de Pailles ont démontré un sens du civisme et d'appartenance exemplaire en participant au nettoyage de leurs salles de classe ainsi que des couloirs et de la cour de l'école.

Durant les 6e et 7e périodes, l’enthousiasme et l’excitation des filles se sont fait sentir alors qu’elles se sont rendues au bureau pour s’approvisionner en balais, pelles, seaux et serpillières pour redonner un coup de neuf à leur environnement immédiat. La cour a été balayée ainsi que les salles de classe. Les filles n’ont pas hésité à laver les carrelages pour ensuite les sécher. Les pupitres et les chaises ont été remis en ordre, bien à leur place et le tableau essuyé.

A la fin du nettoyage, les filles se sentaient fières d’avoir accompli cette tâche et ont même ajouté des décorations en papier à leurs murs pour rendre leurs salles plus accueillantes. Qui a dit que les jeunes n’ont pas de valeurs ?

Mme Jawaheer - Educatrice
The Inter College Film competition 2017 was indeed like an exciting roller coaster ride with a lot of ups and down but where, finally, the quintessence of the journey resided in the enjoyment of the ride. From the script to the camera, we had it all: the scriptwriter team, the filming team, the acting crew and a whole lot of supporters in the name of the Pailles SSS family. Our task was to make a film based on ‘patriotism’.

Once the organising team was identified, we started working laboriously on the selection process. Little did we know that the competition would create a surge of excitement among students and elicit an enthusiastically positive response. Baffled indeed we were, as we received over 100 students for the selection process. Our task was tough as Pailles SSS is not less than an anthill of myriad talent. The best students from different grades were retained and we finally found our crew of actors.

On the other side, the Scriptwriter team was directing their creativity in concocting an innovative and moving story on ‘patriotism’. Various tasks and responsibilities were distributed and were devotedly shouldered by all educators involved. The filming team had a challenging yet enriching experience both in training students on how to act and on various technical aspects. The students undoubtedly demonstrated their potential in acting. Yet, the filming crew worked hard to shape and hone their acting skills and injected more naturalness in their performance. Not only that, they also showed their creativity by devising various creative and, at times, hilarious techniques for students to remember their lines. Cues were generously used and lines written on cardboards and glued on foreheads were not unfamiliar sights! From moving to different locations, trying different filming angles, adapting the script to novel situations, the production team juggled with their various responsibilities to give nothing but the best of themselves.

Just as the saying “hard work pays off”, our dedication was indeed fruitfully rewarded. We are proud and chuffed that our film has been selected among the best films to be broadcast on MBC at the end of August 2017, that also on our very first participation in the Inter College Film competition 2017 (2nd edition). The production team conveys their special thanks to the Rector of Pailles SSS, Mrs. Dowlut, the Honourable Minister Mr. Alain Wong, the administration, students, the teaching and non-teaching staff for their support and, last but not least, the whole production team itself for their hard work and dedication.

Miss K. Hurdyal - Educator
Our experience of the Eco-School Project

On the 5th of June 2017, every student of Pailles SSS had gathered in the school gymnasium to celebrate World Environment Day with a positive mind of "Je suis pour la nature".

On the same day, the honourable Minister Mr. Alain Wong graced us with his presence and plant a tree in our endemic garden. Later on that day, some students of the Eco-School project had a cleaning session along with the Livestock Feed Limited where they each had different types of bags for different types of garbage to recycle.

Some days later, Pailles SSS, had participated in two events. Firstly for a walk for the Eco School project, we had made green bracelets, headbands, colourful posters and even banners with the Eco code “Pailles Goes Green.” We had walked in the neighbourhood of Pailles, conveying the message to keep our environment clean and safe.

On the 9th of June 2017, the Eco-School members, teachers and students as from Form 4 classes to Upper 6 classes were involved in a walk concerning the Eco-School project which was held at “Le Petrin Nature Trail.” Over there, we had a lot of fun exploring the views and the sight lines by walking over long distances. The weather was rainy and we had the feeling of being in the North Pole due to the cold. The path way was muddy and a few students fell down and were covered with mud.

At the end of the walk, we received endemic and medicinal plants such as the Ayapana, Aloe Vera, Citronella and mint. We had also received booklets which were about the different types of rare plants. Finally, the trip was over. It felt like a rollercoaster ride filled with adventure happy moments and tiredness. It is indeed important for everyone to know how to ensure nature’s balance on this planet in order to continue the existence of life.

Mandary Sakhiyyah and Bahadoor Humairah
Form 4 Red
Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort; and so the adventure begins. College life is one of those times whereby students give their best in order to build the future they want, not only for themselves, but for our whole society. The school Prize Giving ceremony is one of the ways in which we, as educators, can motivate as well as reward our students for their brilliant performances. Prize giving ceremony is a memorable event in the history of every institution. At Pailles SSS, our Prize Giving ceremony took place on the 18th of May 2017 in the gymnasium. The highflyers were rewarded and others were encouraged to do their best so as to be on stage next year. A heartwarming surprise that marked us all on that day was the Certificate of Appreciation that was awarded to each and every teaching staff and non-teaching staff members of our school. This was a very good example for our students, reminding and making them reflect on the hard work and input of educators in their studies and future.

Alongside with the Prize Giving ceremony, we also had a demonstration of our girls’ talents through various cultural shows: poem recitation by our Grade 7 students and dance performances by our prevocational students and our HSC students. The Prize Giving day ceremony ended with a fashion show whereby our models walked down the runway in different clothing styles. As for our educators, the staff lunch after the prize giving ceremony showed us how at Pailles SSS we are not only colleagues but rather a big family as we had a very convivial moment together. On this note, I would say that my first experience, as an educator, of a Prize giving ceremony at Pailles SSS was not only a very successful one but also a memorable one.

Mrs. Damry
Educator
Le 11 Juillet 2017, l'école était en effervescence. Il faut dire qu'elle n'est pas à son premier « Food Day », car c'est maintenant devenu une tradition. Le Food Day est organisé annuellement afin de récolter des fonds pour l'embellissement de notre école. Ce jour-là, les élèves se sont laissées porter par l’enthousiasme et la ferveur. Le Food Day a connu un franc succès grâce à la contribution et la collaboration des enseignants, du personnel non-enseignant et des « Paillettes ». Bien sûr sous la houlette de la rectrice, Mme Dowlut.


Les amateurs de sensations fortes, ont pu frissonner dans la chambre d’horreur, spécialement conçue par M. Patten et ses élèves. Hâta au Beauty Parlour pour une mise en beauté : coiffure, maquillage et manucure, les filles étaient aux petits soins de Mme Damry et de son équipe. Les boucles d’oreilles et autre bijoux confectionnés par Mme Ghoorah se sont vendus comme des petits pains.

Finalement qui ne connaît pas Fort Boyard, l’émission mythique. Pailles SSS a eu droit à son Fort Boyard (sans Passe-partout et Père Fouras, bien sûr !) grâce à M. Pahary et son équipe. Ce jour-là, les filles ont eu droit aux séances de cinéma 9D et se sont défoulées sur la piste de danse. Merci à Mme Rengasamy et Miss Sababady.

Bref, le Food Day reste un évènement marquant à Pailles SSS.

Mme Parmessur - Educatrice
Après trois années passées à Pailles SSS les élèves de la classe pré-vocationnelle se séparent de leurs pairs pour intégrer les centres de MITD. En cette occasion une fête d’adieu a été organisée. Il s’agissait de rendre mémorable les trois années de ses filles dans la famille de Pailles SSS. Durant la fête les petites paillettes ont démontré leur sens de solidarité, de débrouillardise et de convivialité. La fête était honorée par la présence du personnel administratif en particulier la rectrice, Madame Dowlut et le personnel du département pré-vocationnelle.

Certes la filière préprofessionnelle disparaîtra bientôt. Toutefois elle a été d’une grande contribution pendant ces quinze dernières années, quant à l’équilibre socio-affectif et émotionnel dans le domaine éducatif. Nous souhaitons beaucoup de succès à ces filles et espérons qu’elles servent d’exemple à d’autres jeunes qui sont peut-être moins fortunés qu’elles.